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chapter one:
Claws that Catch
CINEMA
LIVERPOOL AVALON
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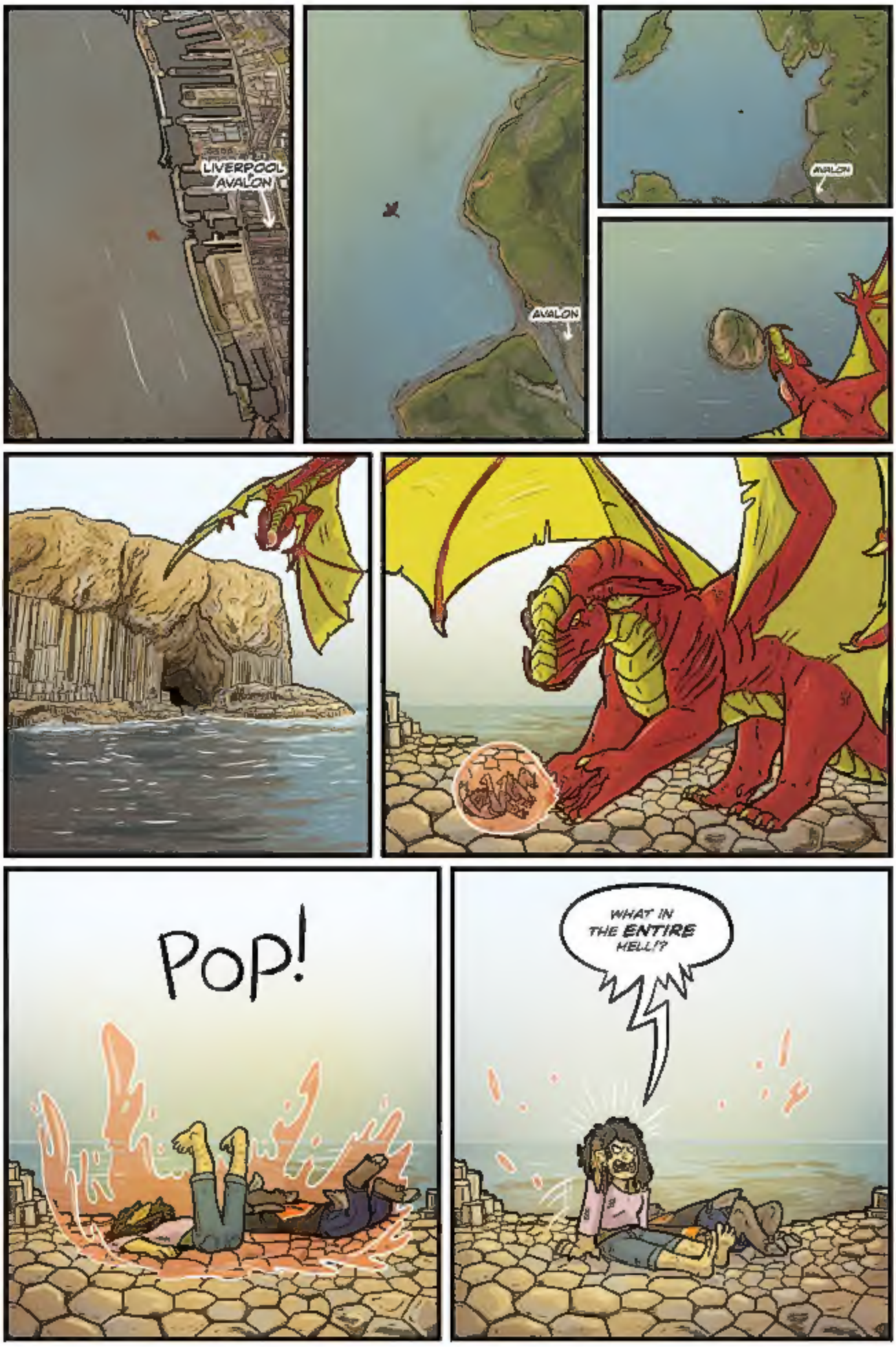

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WHATEVER YOU'RE UP TO, YOU CAN STICK IT UP YOUR SCALY ASS!
PLEASE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR SUCH LANGUAGE.
I JUST WANT TO TALK.
YOU JUST WANT TO TALK, SO YOU KIDNAPPED ME AGAIN??
I TRIED TO QUIETLY GET YOUR ATTENTION AT THE AVALON, BUT YOUR FRIEND HERE WAS ABOUT TO BRING OUT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!
YOU DIDN'T LEAVE ME WITH MUCH OF A CHOICE.
IF YOU WERE JUST GOING TO GRAB ME AGAIN LIKE YOU DID BACK IN MISSOURI* WHY DID YOU EVEN LET ME GO IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I'M NOT CAPTURING YOU! I JUST WANT TO TALK!
*SKIN DEEP: ORIENTATIONS
OKAY. FINE. TALK.
BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW, I KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT DRAGONS NOW THAN I DID THE LAST TIME. AND I KNOW ALL THE AWFUL CRAP Y'ALL HAVE DONE IN THE PAST!
YOU WERE NICE TO ME ONCE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE UP FOR TWO KIDNAPPINGS!
I APOLOGIZE!
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INHALE
I APOLOGIZE FOR CAPTURING YOU BACK IN MISSOURI.
BUT I NEED TO FINISH THE JOB AS ORDERED AND DELIVER YOU TO MY PEOPLE.
YOUR PEOPLE?
SO YOU'RE NOT THE LAST LIVING DRAGON?
WE EXIST...
...BUT I WOULD NOT CALL IT 'LIVING.'
SO, BY "I JUST WANT TO TALK" YOU MEAN "I JUST WANT TO TAKE YOU AGAINST YOUR WILL TO MY BOSS."
HOW DID YOU THINK THAT CONVERSATION WOULD END?
I DO NOT KNOW. BUT I WANTED TO TRY TO DO THIS AS PEACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE.
PEACEFULLY!?

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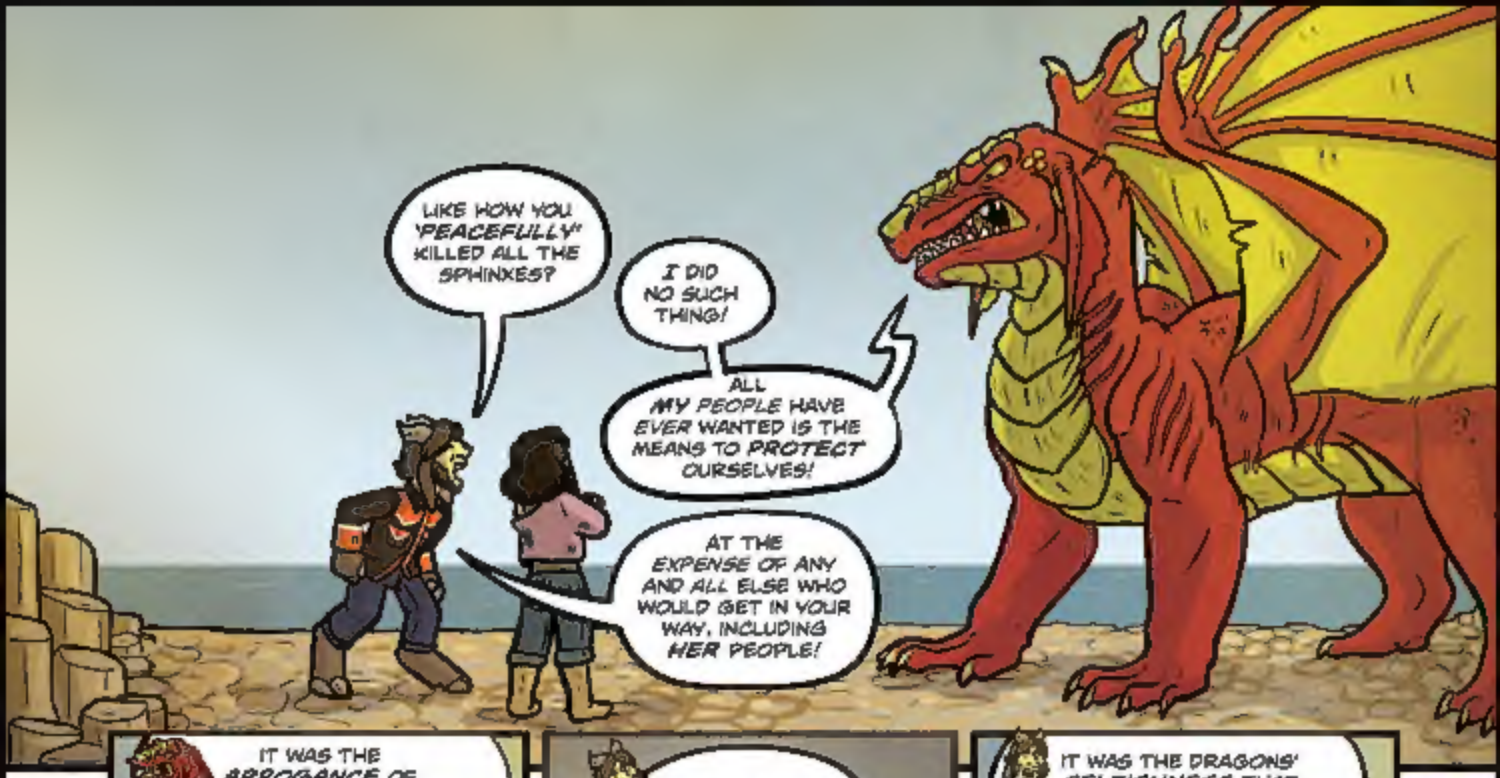
LIKE HOW YOU "PEACEFULLY" KILLED ALL THE SPHINXES?
I DID NO SUCH THING!
ALL MY PEOPLE HAVE EVER WANTED IS THE MEANS TO PROTECT OURSELVES!
AT THE EXPENSE OF ANY AND ALL ELSE WHO WOULD GET IN YOUR WAY, INCLUDING HER PEOPLE!

Y'ALL DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE A PROBLEM STAYING SAFE DURING ALL THESE CENTURIES UNTIL MICHELLE SHOWED UP, AND NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO DREDGE UP THE SAME WAR THAT DESTROYED EVERYTHING THE FIRST TIME!

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DO NOT DARE TO THINK YOU UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS, SATYR!
YOU HAVEN'T A SINGLE CLUE WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH-
MICHELLE DOESN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!
OH I UNDERSTAND PLENTY!
SHE NEEDS TO LISTEN TO ME!
ENOUGH!!!
STOP TALKING ABOUT ME LIKE I'M NOT HERE!
YOU BOTH ARE JUST YELLING WITHOUT LISTENING, ANYWAY!
I'M MERELY DEFENDING MY-
MICHELLE, YOU CAN'T BE-
NO! SHUT UP, BOTH OF YOU!
MY TURN TO TALK!
EVER SINCE I TOUCHED THAT STUPID MEDALLION, EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED HAS HAPPENED TO ME WITHOUT MY INPUT AND I'M SICK OF IT!!
I WANT THIS TO END SO I CAN GO LIVE MY OWN WEIRD STUPID LIFE ON MY OWN WEIRD STUPID TERMS!

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WHAT'S OUR LONG-TERM PLAN HERE, GREG?
WE GET HIM TO LET US GO, AND THEN WHAT?
I GO BACK TO THE AVALON AND WAIT FOR THE NEXT TIME SOMEONE COMES TO START A FIGHT BECAUSE OF WHAT MY ANCESTORS DID OR DID NOT DO BACK IN THE MIDDLE AGES?
NO!
I'M TIRED OF OUTSIDE FORCES TELLING ME I HAVE TO DO ONE THING OR ANOTHER BECAUSE SPHINXES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING MEDALLIONS, SO NOW I HAVE TO FIX ALL THE PROBLEMS JUST LIKE THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD!
THAT SURE TURNED OUT GREAT FOR THEM, DIDN'T IT?
THE SPHINXES DID NOT FIX PROBLEMS, THEY CAUSED—
I DON'T CARE!
I'M NOT JUST "THE SPHINX," I'M MY OWN DAMN PERSON!

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YOU!
BLOODCARVER, RIGHT?
OH, ERM. YES. I AM THE BLOODCARVER.
YOU SAID YOU WERE FOLLOWING ORDERS, SO THAT MEANS YOU GOT A BOSS OR AN ELDER OR LEADER OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?
THAT IS CORRECT
ALTHOUGH I AM CURRENTLY ACTING ON MY OWN ACCORD.
COMING BACK EMPTY-HANDED AFTER THE LAST MISSION DID NOT GO OVER WELL, SO I THOUGHT—
CAN YOU TAKE ME TO THIS LEADER OF YOURS? CAN I TALK WITH THEM MYSELF?
WELL?
I MEAN, THAT'S WHY I AM HERE?
GOOD. LET'S DO IT. LET'S GO BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND.

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WHAT?!
MICHELLE, YOU CAN'T!
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT!
I MEAN-
I'M SORRY, GREG. BUT I NEED TO DO THIS.
I'M SO TIRED OF JUST WAITING FOR DANGEROUS STUFF TO HAPPEN TO ME ALL THE TIME.
IF I'M REALLY AS POWERFUL AS EVERYBODY KEEPS TELLING ME, I CAN DO THIS.
LET ME DO THIS.
I KNOW I CAN DO THIS.

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WELL, THEN I'M GOING WITH YOU!
NO!
GREG, YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME.
I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO EXPRESS ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME SINCE THIS HAS ALL STARTED.
YOU'VE BEEN THE ONLY PERSON I'VE BEEN ABLE TO REALLY TRUST AND DEPEND ON.
...BUT?
I'M PUTTING MYSELF IN DANGER. I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN DANGER, TOO.
I NEED YOU TO GO BACK TO THE AVALON AND TELL EVERYONE WHERE I AM AND WHAT I'M DOING.
OKAY, MICHELLE. OKAY
BUT...
.. HOW DO I EVEN GET BACK TO THE AVALON?
BLOODCARVER?
I CAN RETURN YOUR FRIEND.
IF YOU AGREE TO COME WITH ME.

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MICHELLE, I CAN'T-
YOU CAN!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME AND KEPT ME TOGETHER ALL THIS TIME.
YOU GOTTA DO IT FOR THE OTHERS NOW.
PLEASE, GREG
PLEASE TRUST ME
I NEED TO DO THIS.
YES, YES, I TRUST YOU.
OF COURSE I TRUST YOU, MICHELLE.
YAWN

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I LOVE YOU, GREG.
I LOVE YOU, TOO.
AHEM.
OKAY, BLOODCARVER. I'M READY.
FINALLY.
GET IN. LET'S GO.
PLEASE COME BACK, OKAY?!
I WILL, I PROMISE!
I HOPE I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
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I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE WERE GOING TO YOUR UNCLE'S HOUSE TODAY?
WE ARE!
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BUT THIS IS YOUR HOUSE. IS HE COMING OVER HERE?
NOPE!
OH, SHOULD WE GET BACK IN THE CAR?
ALSO NOPE!
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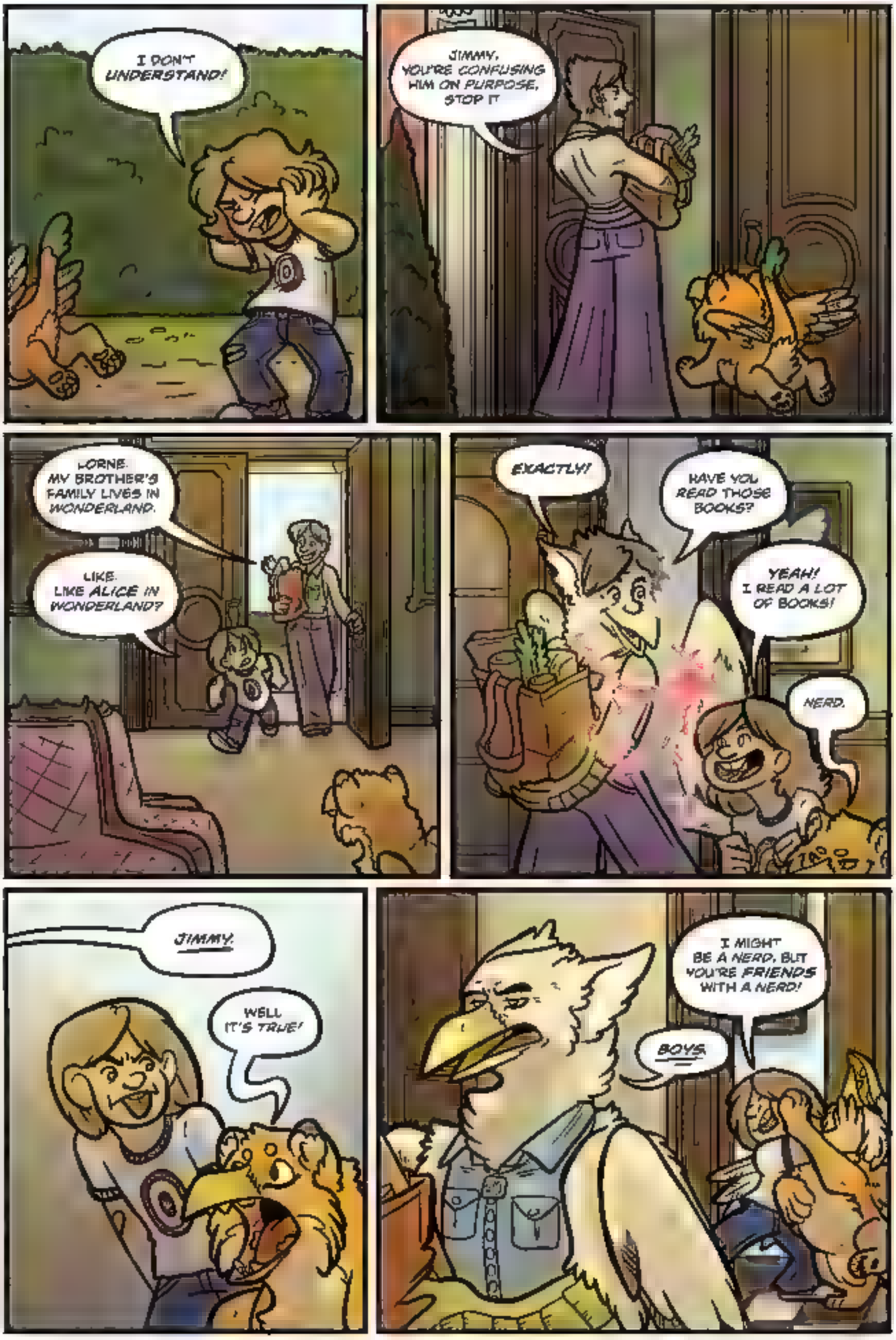
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
JIMMY, YOU'RE CONFUSING HIM ON PURPOSE. STOP IT
LORNE. MY BROTHER'S FAMILY LIVES IN WONDERLAND.
LIKE. LIKE ALICE IN WONDERLAND?
EXACTLY!
HAVE YOU READ THOSE BOOKS?
YEAH! I READ A LOT OF BOOKS!
NERD.
JIMMY.
WELL IT'S TRUE!
I MIGHT BE A NERD, BUT YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH A NERD!
BOYS.

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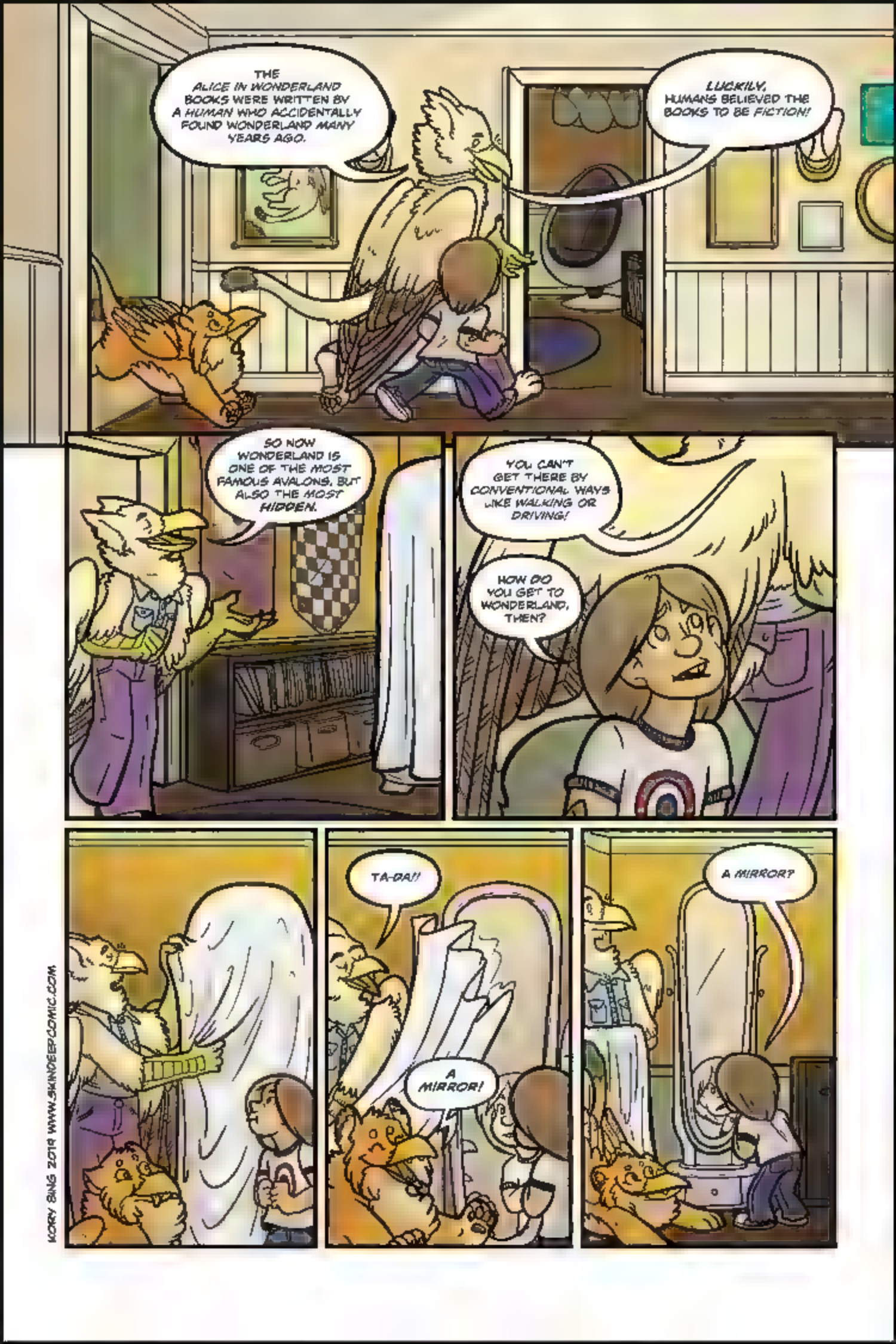
THE ALICE IN WONDERLAND BOOKS WERE WRITTEN BY A HUMAN WHO ACCIDENTALLY FOUND WONDERLAND MANY YEARS AGO.
LUCKILY, HUMANS BELIEVED THE BOOKS TO BE FICTION!
SO NOW WONDERLAND IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS AVALONS, BUT ALSO THE MOST HIDDEN.
YOU CAN'T GET THERE BY CONVENTIONAL WAYS LIKE WALKING OR DRIVING!
HOW DO YOU GET TO WONDERLAND, THEN?
TA-DA!!
A MIRROR!
A MIRROR?

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WONDERLANDERS ARE VERY PROTECTIVE OF THEIR SECRECY. SO THERE'S ONLY A HANDFUL OF WAYS IN OR OUT.
JIMMY'S FATHER IS AN AVALON ELDER AND I HAVE FAMILY IN WONDERLAND SO WE'RE PRIVILEGED ENOUGH TO HAVE ONE OF THESE IN OUR HOUSE!
I DON'T THINK I UNDERSTAND.
HOW DID ALICE GET TO WONDERLAND IN THE BOOKS?
A RABBIT HOLE!
AND WHAT ABOUT THE SECOND BOOK?
UHH.
OH!
A MIRROR!
YOU CAN TRAVEL THROUGH MIRRORS?
IT HAS TO BE A SPECIAL MIRROR.

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SO.
WHERE EXACTLY ARE WE??
ARE WE STILL IN ENGLAND?
WONDERLAND IS UNDER A HEAVY AMOUNT OF MAGIC SPELLS THAT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE FROM OUTSIDE.
NO TRESPASSING
NOBODY REALLY REMEMBERS WHERE IT USED TO BE EFORE THE SPELLS WENT UP, BUT THERE'S CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT WE'RE SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDLANDS.
I THINK IT'S SHERWOOD FOREST!
S IT??
I DUNNO, BUT THAT'D BE BOSE, YEH?
THOSE RABBITS IS WEARIN' HATS.
HULLO, FRIENDS!
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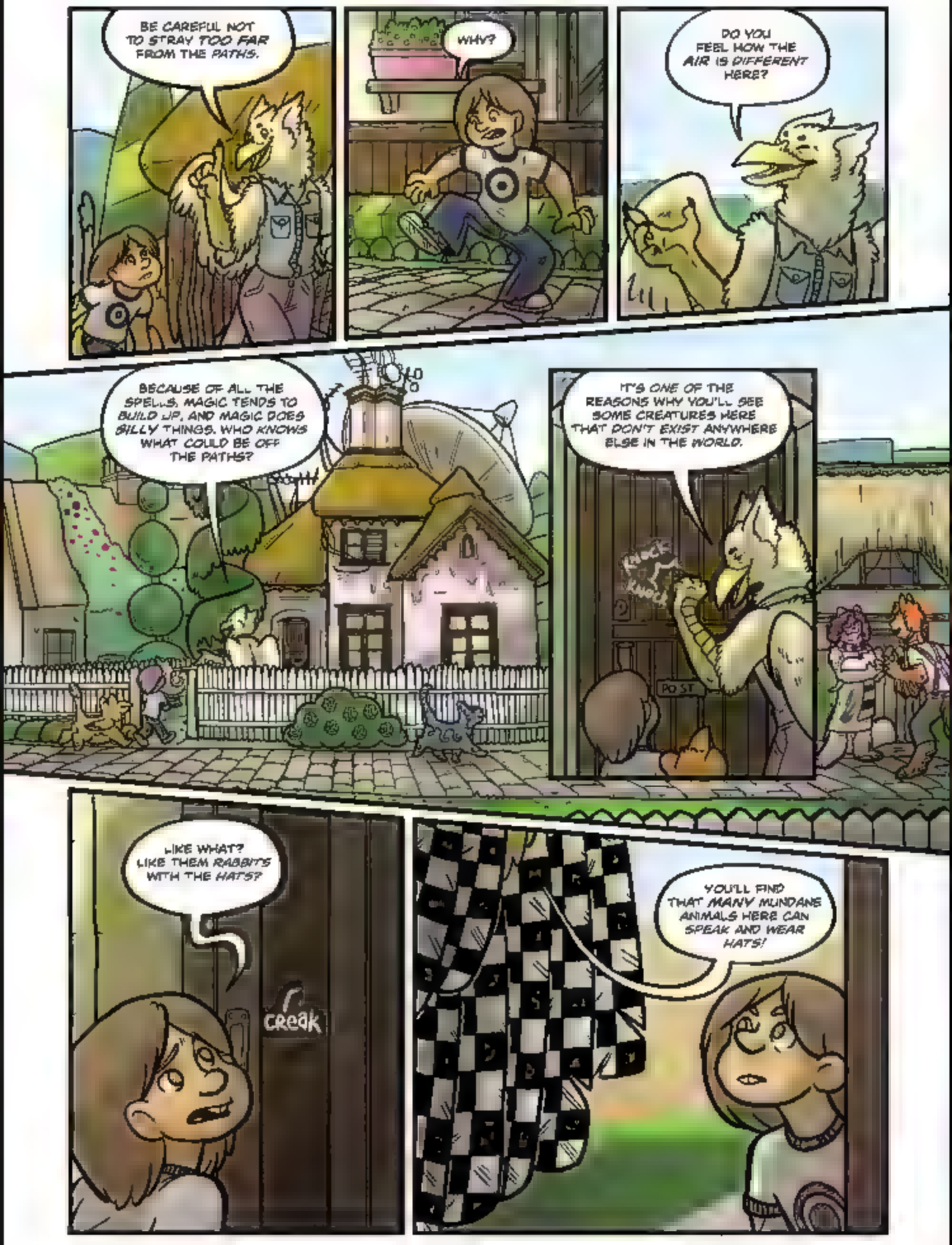
BE CAREFUL NOT TO STRAY TOO FAR FROM THE PATHS.
WHY?
DO YOU FEEL HOW THE AIR IS DIFFERENT HERE?
BECAUSE OF ALL THE SPELLS, MAGIC TENDS TO BUILD UP, AND MAGIC DOES SILLY THINGS. WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD BE OFF THE PATHS?
IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY YOU'LL SEE SOME CREATURES HERE THAT DON'T EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.
KNOCK KNOCK
POST
LIKE WHAT? LIKE THEM RABBITS WITH THE HATS?
CREAK
YOU'LL FIND THAT MANY MUNDANE ANIMALS HERE CAN SPEAK AND WEAR HATS!

I THEORIZE THAT MAGIC CONCENTRATIONS AFFECT EVERY PART OF THE ECOSYSTEM, INCLUDING OURSELVES!
MANY NEW SPECIES HAVE DEVELOPED SINCE THE FOUNDING OF WONDERLAND, WHICH MAY BE DUE TO THE HIGHER AMOUNTS OF MAGIC FOUND HERE.
IF IT IS INDEED THE MAGIC INFLUENCING OUR VERY EVOLUTION AND DIVERSIFICATOIN, PERHAPS IT MAY EXPLAIN THE WIDE-SPREAD AMOUNT OF NON-HUMAN SAPIENT CREATURES AND HOW MANY SIMPLY DO NOT ADHERE TO MUNDANE SCIENTIFIC THEORIES SUCH AS EVOLUTION AND NATURAL SELECTION!
HUMANS ARE WELL KNOWN TO BE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO MAGIC TRANSMORGIFICATION WHILE HAVING NO NATURAL ABILITY TO WIELD IT.
I THINK THAT THIS FACT AND THE FACT THAT MANY NON-HUMAN CREATURES APPEAR PARTLY-HUMAN ARE NOT COINCIDENCES!
MAYHAPS CENTAURS, SATYRS OR EVEN HARPIES BEGAN AS HUMAN-BASED MAGICAL "MISTAKES."
IT'S LIKELY THAT JUBJUB BIRDS LIKE MYSELF WERE SIMPLY COMMON GRYPHONS BEFORE WE STARTED LIVING HERE!
STUDYING MAGIC HERE IN WONDERLAND PROVIDES A VERY UNIQUE CHANCE TO OBSERVE THESE EFFECTS OVER THE SPAN OF MERE DECADES RATHER THAN CENTURIES!
HI, UNCLE ROALD!
OH HULLO, JIMOTHY

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MARY, ALWAYS A PLEASURE.
WHO IS THIS LITTLE HUMAN?
UH.
LORNE, THIS IS MY BROTHER ROALD.
ROALD THIS IS JIMMY'S FRIEND, LORNE.
HE'S STILL WAITING TO GET HIS MEDALLION FROM THE NEMEAN COUNCIL.
AN UNTURNED NEMEAN LION! SPLENDID!
SIMPLY FRABJOUS!
AW. A SHY ONE, IS HE?
THIS IS HIS FIRST TIME IN WONDERLAND.
UM.
I TOLD HIM IT WAS WEIRD AND GREAT!!
GAH!

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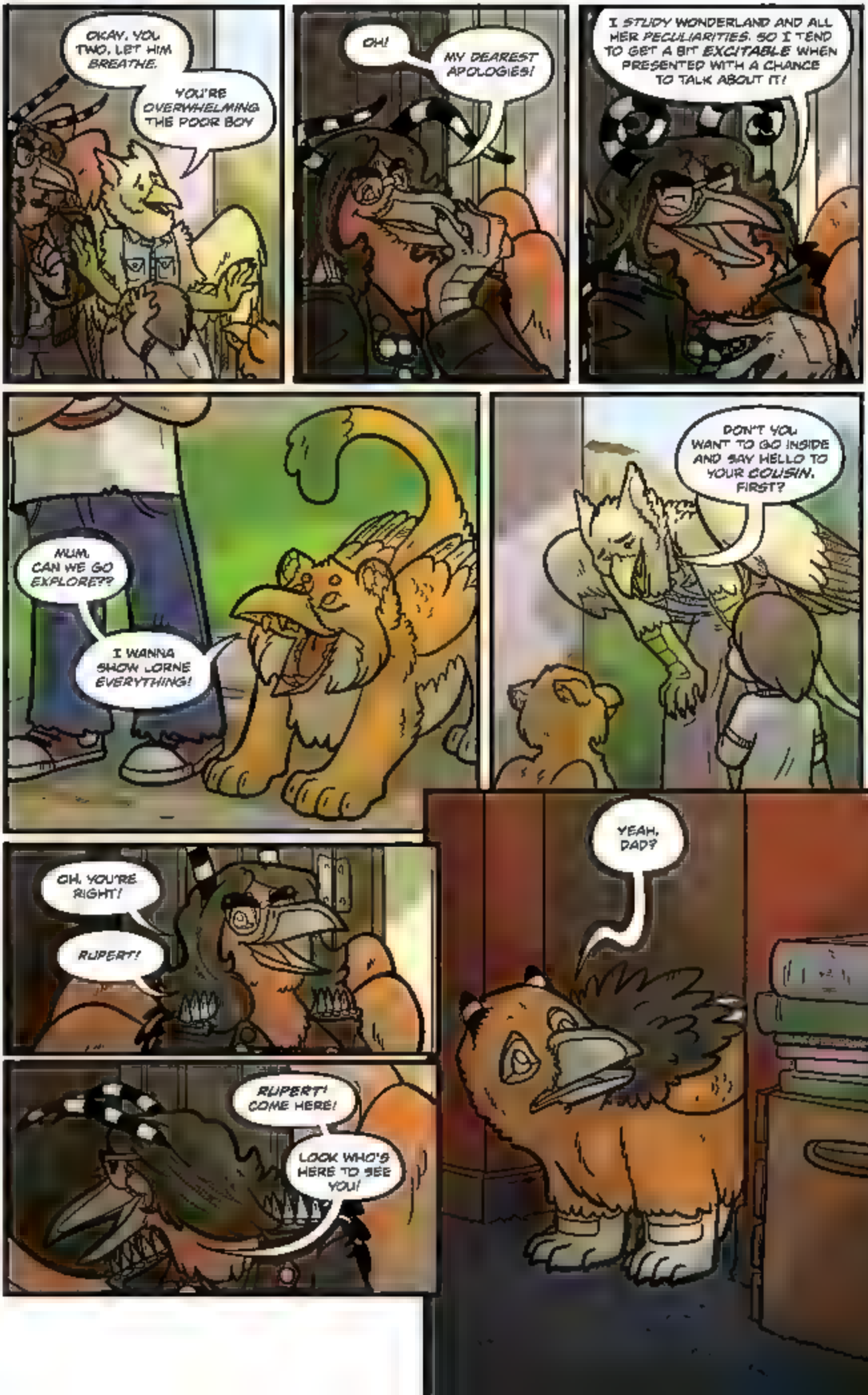
OKAY, YOU TWO, LET HIM BREATHE.
YOU'RE OVERWHELMING THE POOR BOY
OH!
MY DEAREST APOLOGIES!
I STUDY WONDERLAND AND ALL HER PECULIARITIES. SO I TEND TO GET A BIT EXCITABLE WHEN PRESENTED WITH A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT IT!
MUM, CAN WE GO EXPLORE??
I WANNA SHOW JORNE EVERYTHING!
DON'T YOU WANT TO GO INSIDE AND SAY HELLO TO YOUR COUSIN, FIRST?
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
RUPERT!
YEAH, DAD?
RUPERT! COME HERE!
LOOK WHO'S HERE TO SEE YOU!
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COUSIN JIMMY AND HIS FRIEND LORNE ARE HERE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY?
YOUR AUNT MARY AND I HAVE SOME CATCHING UP TO DO.
UGH. MUUUM
DO WE HAVE TO? HE'S JUST A BAAABBBYYYY.
'LO, COUSIN JIMMY GOOD T' SEE YOU.
HE'S ONLY A FEW YEARS YOUNGER THAN YOU, AND IT'LL BE GOOD TO HAVE A JUBJUB WITH YOU WHILE YOU EXPLORE.
HULLO?
HI?
YES YES FINE GREAT
COME 'EAD, RUPERT!
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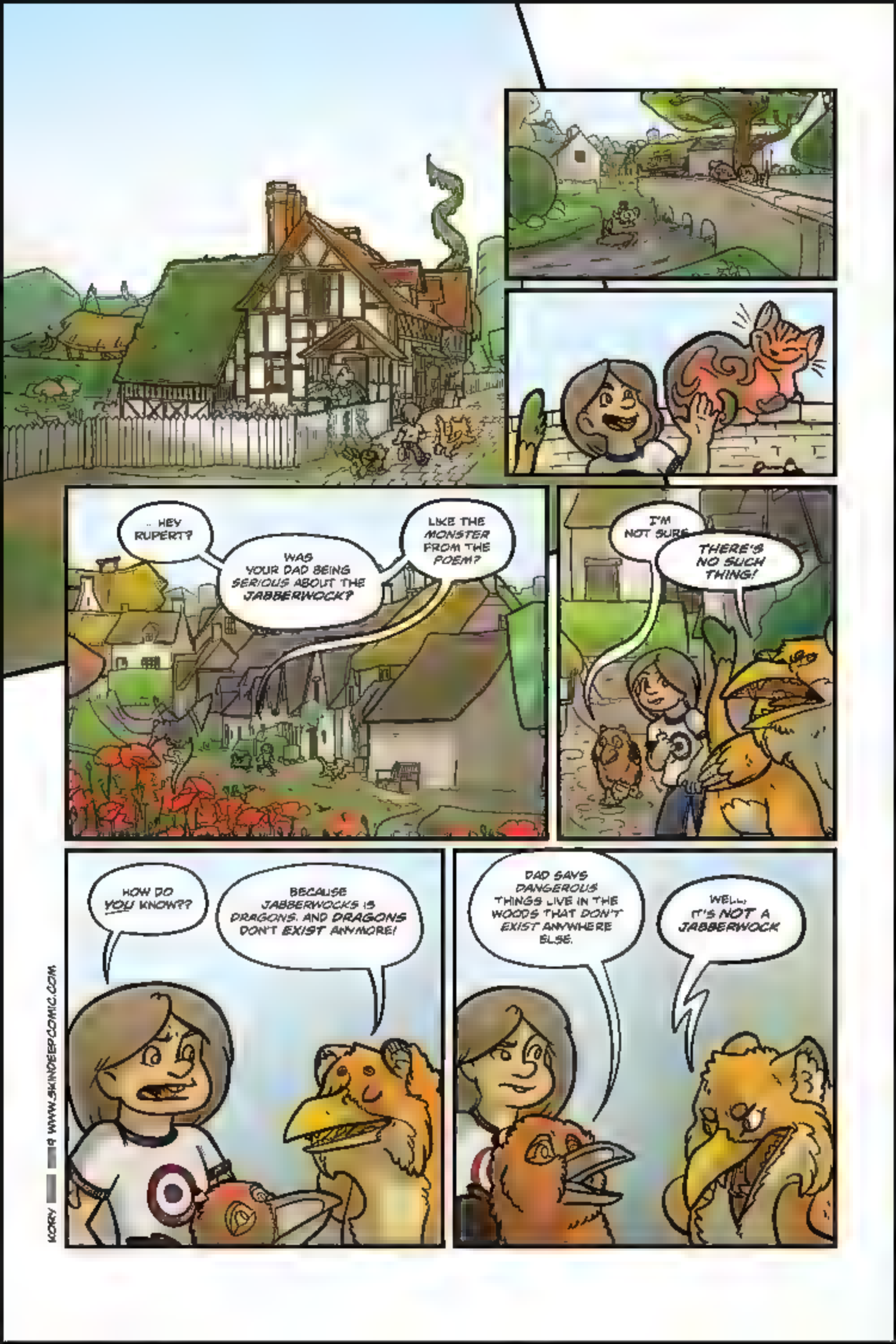
STAY ON THE PATHS, CHILDREN!
BEWARE THE JABBERWOCK!
THE WHAT??
COME ON, LORNE!!!


.. HEY RUPERT?
WAS YOUR DAD BEING SERIOUS ABOUT THE JABBERWOCK?
LIKE THE MONSTER FROM THE POEM?
I'M NOT SURE
THERE'S NO SUCH THING!
HOW DO YOU KNOW??
BECAUSE JABBERWOCKS IS DRAGONS. AND DRAGONS DON'T EXIST ANYMORE!
DAD SAYS DANGEROUS THINGS LIVE IN THE WOODS THAT DON'T EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE.
WELL, IT'S NOT A JABBERWOCK
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HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?
WHY CAN'T WE JUST STAY IN THE TOWN? THIS IS FUN, I'M HAVING FUN!
THE TOWN ISN'T NEARLY AS EXCITING AS THE WOODS!
THINGS MAKE SENSE IN TOWN.
MOSTLY.
BUT THINGS GET BONKERS IN THE WOODS!
DAD SAYS MAGIC IS UNPREDICTABLE IN THE WOODS.
YEAH, LET'S GO!!
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WELL..
WE BETTER GO CATCH UP.
BUT!!
IT'S NOT SAFE!
JIM'S BEEN HERE BEFORE. HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.
HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT. I'M SURE!
I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, TOO!
I LIVE HERE. .
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SO...
THE REASON WHY EVERYONE THINKS DRAGONS ARE EXTINCT
...IS BECAUSE Y'ALL DON'T LIVE ON THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE?
IS THAT RIGHT?
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WE HAVE LIVED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DIS SINCE THE GREAT WAR.
THE FATHER BELIEVED IT TO BE THE ONLY PLACE SAFE FROM HUMANS AND LARGE ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US.
HE BROKERED A DEAL WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE REALM TO ALLOW US TO STAY THERE.
OKAY WE'LL HAVE TO CIRCLE ROUND BACK ON... A LOT OF THAT-
-BUT YOU'RE SAYING THAT THERE ARE PLACES ON EARTH THAT AREN'T...
...ACTUALLY EARTH?

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THE VARIOUS PLANES ARE AS MUCH A PART OF EARTH AS YOU OR ME.
THIS IS BUT ONE OF THE MANY LAYERED REALMS.
SOME ARE ACCESSIBLE TO US.

Fig 1 Planet Earth and various planes

Fig 2 Gateway to Wonderland. Merseyside England. 1993

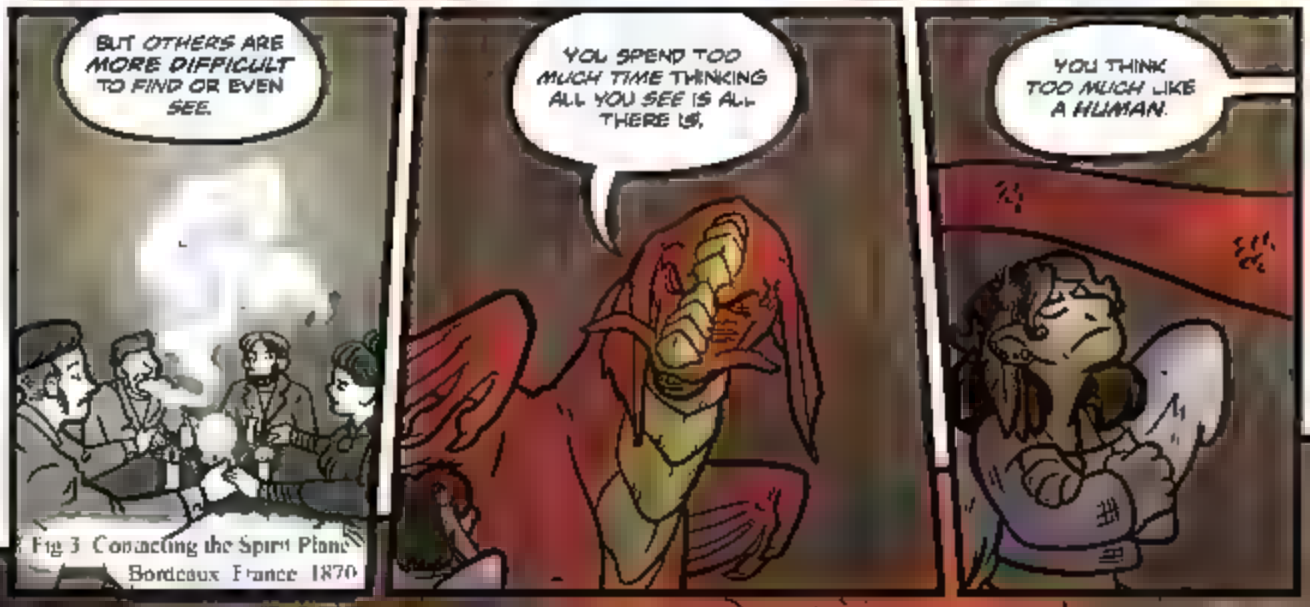
BUT OTHERS ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND OR EVEN SEE.
YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME THINKING ALL YOU SEE IS ALL THERE IS.
YOU THINK TOO MUCH LIKE A HUMAN.

Fig 3 Contacting the Spirit Plane Bordeaux France 1870

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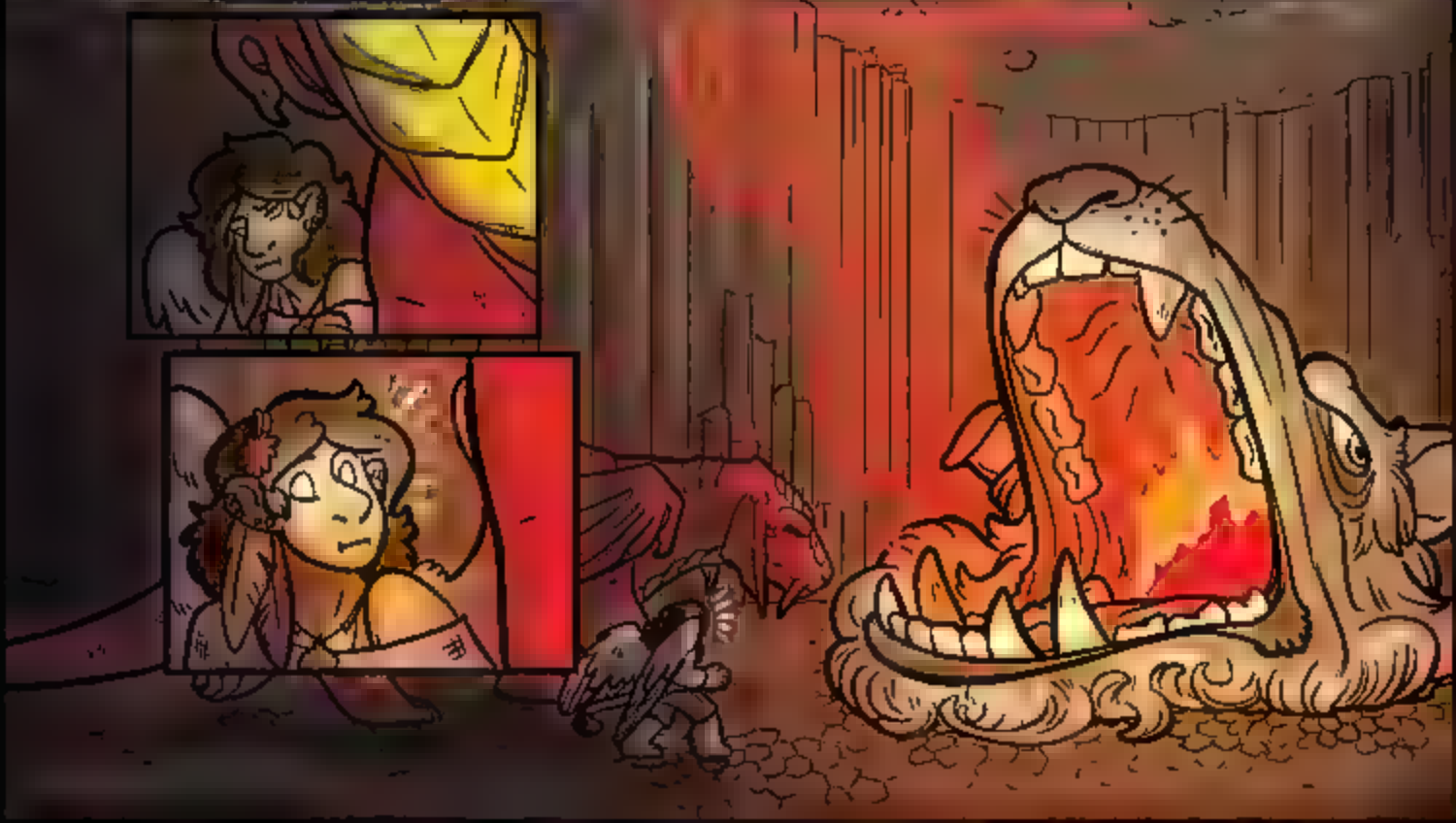

WELL?
GET IN.
EXCUSE ME!?
TRAVEL BETWEEN THIS REALM AND DIS IS VIA HELLMOUTH
HELLMOUTHS ONLY APPEAR IN VERY SPECIFIC PLACES, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
THIS IS WHY I BROUGHT YOU TO THIS ISLAND.
SO GET IN.
HAHAHA!
OKAY YEAH.
NO.

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NICE TRICK, BLOODCARVER. BUT YOU AREN'T KILLING ME BY FEEDING ME TO CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG HERE.
BELIEVE ME, IF I WANTED YOU DEAD-
YOU WOULD BE ALREADY!
SIIIIGGGHHHHHHHH!
JUST FOLLOW ME.
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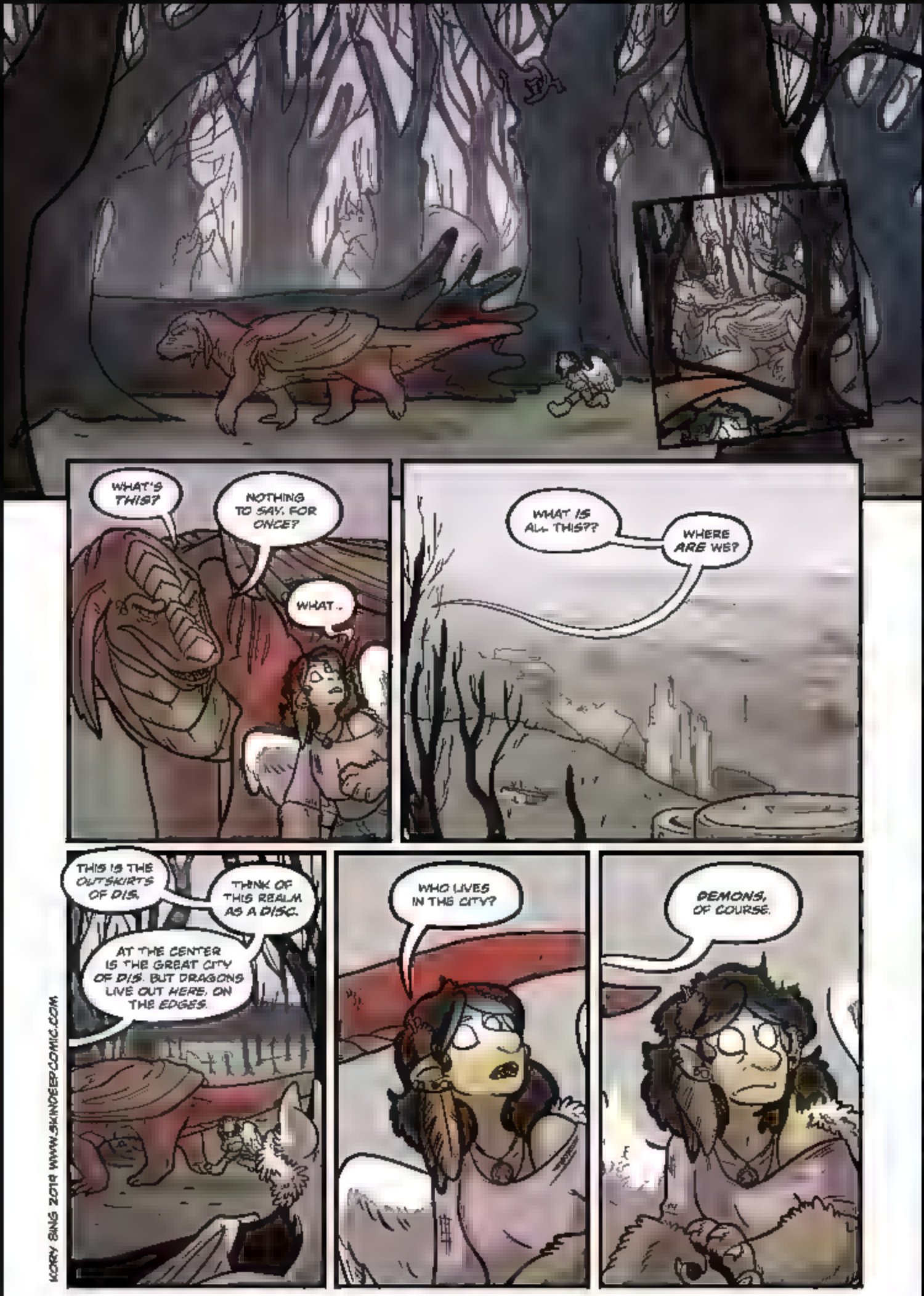
WHAT'S THIS?
NOTHING TO SAY, FOR ONCE?
WHAT..
WHAT IS ALL THIS??
WHERE ARE WE?
THIS IS THE OUTSKIRTS OF DIS.
THINK OF THIS REALM AS A DISC.
AT THE CENTER IS THE GREAT CITY OF DIS. BUT DRAGONS LIVE OUT HERE, ON THE EDGES.
WHO LIVES IN THE CITY?
DEMONS, OF COURSE.

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DEMONS?
WHAT!?
NO NO NO NO
NO NO NO NO NO
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT DEMONS!
THEY STILL WANT ME FOR WHATEVER REASON IT IS THEY KIDNAPPED ME IN THE FIRST TIME!
DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THEM.
THEIR CLAIM ON YOU IS FAULTY, AND YOUR FATHER'S SHADE HAS BEEN RETURNED.
THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BOTHER YOU.
MY DAD IS HERE TOO??
NO.
MERELY HIS SHADE. THIS IS THE REALM OF SHADES.
AND SHADES ARE.. GHOSTS? SOULS??
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GHOSTS DO HAVE A CONNECTION TO DIS, BUT NO, THEY ARE DIFFERENT
WHEN YOUR CORPOREAL BODY DIES, A REMNANT OF THAT CONSCIOUSNESS REMAINS - AS A SHADE.
SHADES USUALLY FADE OVER TIME. BUT SOME LAST LONGER THAN OTHERS.
A SOUL IS. A COMPLICATED THING THAT NOT EVEN THE MOST MAGICAL OF CREATURES CAN DETECT. IF INDEED THEY ARE EVEN REAL.
COME. THE FATHER IS THIS WAY

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OKAY, SO THAT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE MENTIONED HIM, BUT YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHO THIS FATHER GUY IS.
HE IS OUR LEADER.
HE WAS THE ONLY DRAGON TO SURVIVE THE GREAT WAR, AND THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ALL SURVIVING EGGS HERE.
WITHOUT HIM, THE DRAGONS TRULY WOULD BE AS EXTINCT AS THE MORTAL PLANE THINKS.
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UGGHH... THIS'S TOO MUCH.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT QUESTION TO ASK FIRST.
TAKE YOUR TIME.

OKAY, SO...
I DON'T KNOW. OTHER THAN BEING KIND OF GLOOMY THIS PLACE SEEMS OKAY?
IF DRAGONS HAVE LIVED HERE FOR SO LONG WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED BY ANYONE ON.
WHAT DO YOU CALL THE, ERM, REGULAR EARTH?
THE MORTAL PLANE.
A LITTLE DRAMATIC, BUT OKAY.
WHY DO Y'ALL WANNA GO BACK THERE? YOU HAVE A HOME HERE, NOW.
THIS IS NOT OUR HOME!
WE LIVE HERE. IT IS ALL I'VE EVER KNOWN, BUT WE DO NOT BELONG HERE.

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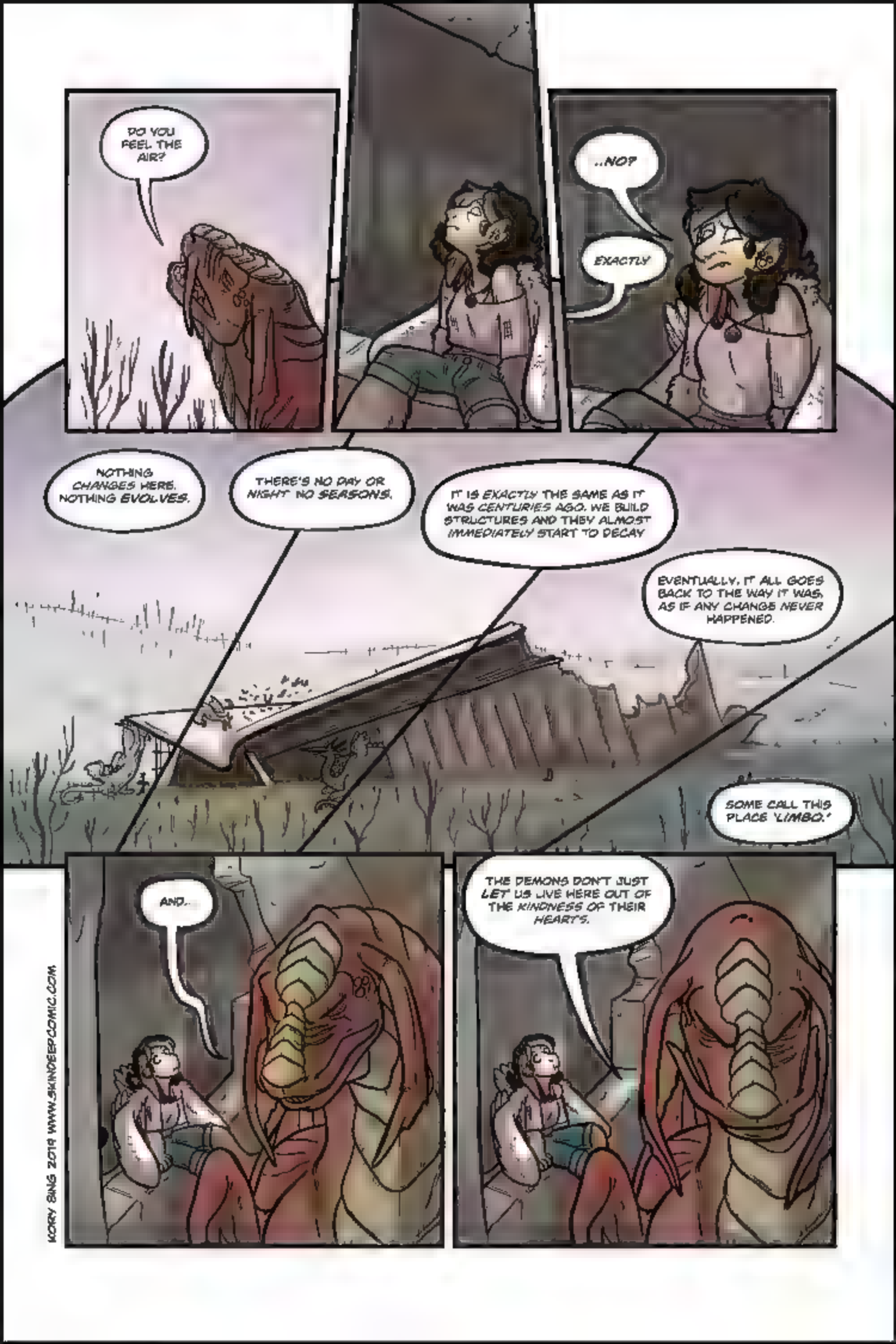
DO YOU FEEL THE AIR?
..NO?
EXACTLY
NOTHING CHANGES HERE. NOTHING EVOLVES.
THERE'S NO DAY OR NIGHT NO SEASONS.
IT IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT WAS CENTURIES AGO. WE BUILD STRUCTURES AND THEY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY START TO DECAY
EVENTUALLY, IT ALL GOES BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS, AS IF ANY CHANGE NEVER HAPPENED.
SOME CALL THIS PLACE 'LIMBO.'
AND..
THE DEMONS DON'T JUST LET US LIVE HERE OUT OF THE KINDNESS OF THEIR HEART'S.
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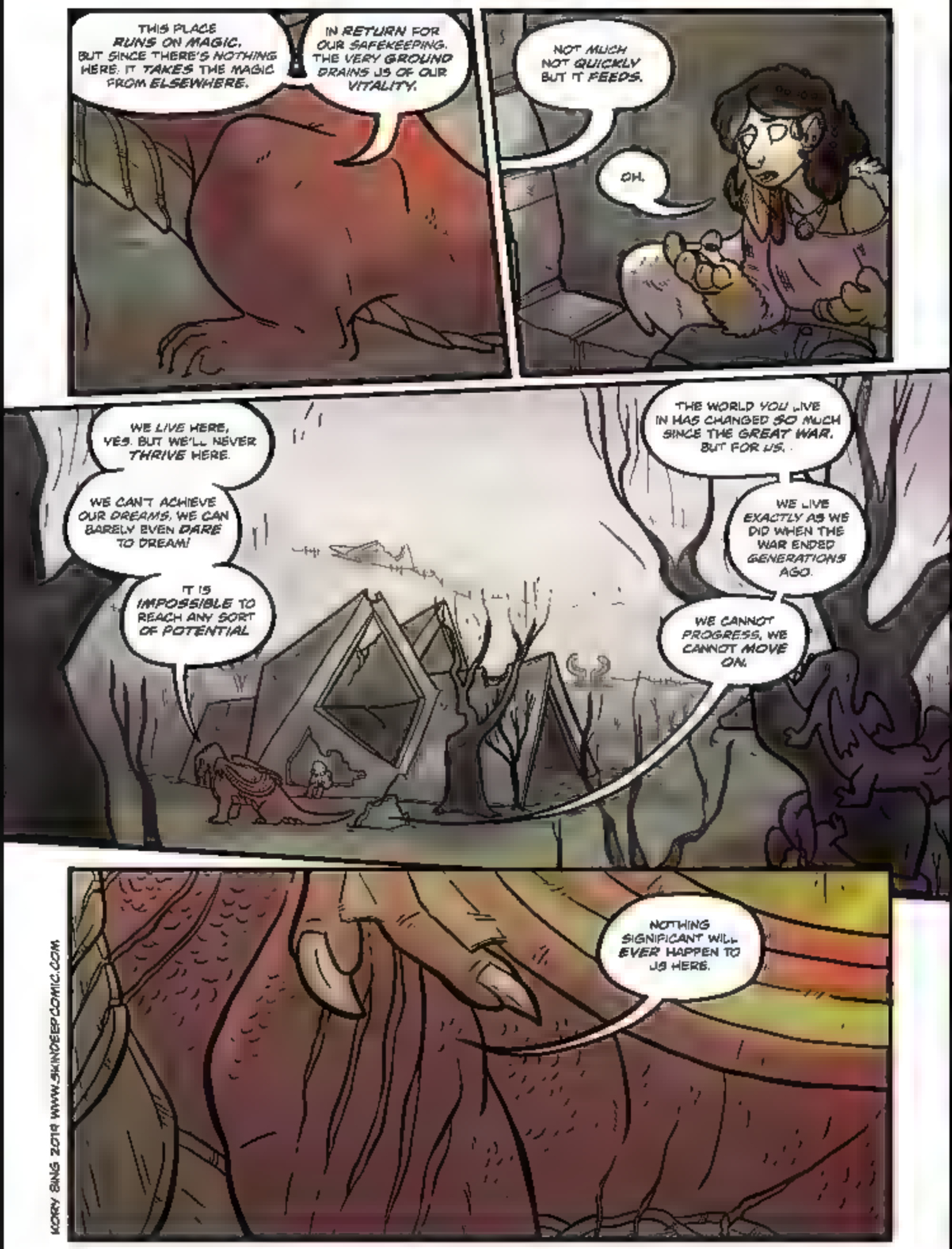
THIS PLACE RUNS ON MAGIC. BUT SINCE THERE'S NOTHING HERE. IT TAKES THE MAGIC FROM ELSEWHERE.
IN RETURN FOR OUR SAFEKEEPING. THE VERY GROUND DRAINS US OF OUR VITALITY.
NOT MUCH NOT QUICKLY BUT IT FEEDS.
OH.
WE LIVE HERE, YES. BUT WE'LL NEVER THRIVE HERE.
WE CAN'T ACHIEVE OUR DREAMS, WE CAN BARELY EVEN DARE TO DREAM!
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH ANY SORT OF POTENTIAL
THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN HAS CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THE GREAT WAR. BUT FOR US. .
WE LIVE EXACTLY AS WE DID WHEN THE WAR ENDED GENERATIONS AGO.
WE CANNOT PROGRESS, WE CANNOT MOVE ON.
NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WILL EVER HAPPEN TO US HERE.

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ISN'T THERE, LIKE, ANOTHER PLANE YOU COULD GO TO?
WHY DO YOU NEED TO COME BACK TO MY PLANE?
IT'S NOT YOURS!
IT'S OURS!
BOTH OF US!
ALL OF US!
WE HAVE JUST AS MUCH OF A RIGHT TO BE THERE AS YOU DO!
WHY IS THIS NOT OBVIOUS?
WHY DO YOU WISH TO DENY US WHEN I'M SHOWING YOU EXACTLY WHY WE MUST LEAVE?
ENOUGH OF THIS, LET'S MOVE ON.

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IT'S JUST!
THERE'S NO WAY A BUNCH OF DRAGONS CAN JUST POP OUT OF GIANT MONSTER HEADS FROM THE GROUND AND BE ALL "HEY WE LIVE HERE NOW" AND NOT HAVE IT TURN INTO A BIG PROBLEM!
I'M STILL TRYING TO MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF THE WHOLE SITUATION, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE A BIG ENOUGH ISSUE JUST TO KEEP HUMANS UNAWARE OF ALL OF US IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHY IS IT ON ALL OF US TO SPARE THE FEELINGS OF THE HUMANS?
HUMANS HAVE EVERYTHING!
THEY HAVE FREE REIGN OF THE PLANET. THEY THINK THEY'RE THE SOLE OWNERS!
WHY MUST WE KEEP UP THAT ILLUSION?
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO UPSET THE STATUS QUO LIKE THAT!

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YOU'D RATHER WE ALL WASTE AWAY IN AN UNHAPPY, UNFULFILLING LIFE OF MISERY?
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
YOU'RE SAYING EXACTLY THAT!
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SYMPATHETIC I THOUGHT AFTER ALL THIS TIME YOU'D BE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER SPHINXES.
I THOUGHT THINGS MIGHT HAVE CHANGED FROM HOW THEY USED TO BE
I DIDN'T SAY I WAS UNSYMPATHETIC!

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WHY IS THIS MY CALL, ANYWAY?
I ONLY FOUND OUT I WASN'T HUMAN LIKE, A YEAR AGO!!
THERE MUST BE COUNTLESS OTHERS WHO ARE FAR MORE KNOWLEDGABLE IN INTER-SPECIES SOCIO-POLITICAL HISTORY AND RELATIONSHIPS THAN MY IGNORANT BUMPKIN ASS
SINCE WHEN DO I SPEAK FOR EVERY SAPIENT SPECIES ON THE EARTH??
BECAUSE YOU ARE A SYMBOL.
OTHERS WILL FOLLOW YOU JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU ARE.
YOU ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE.

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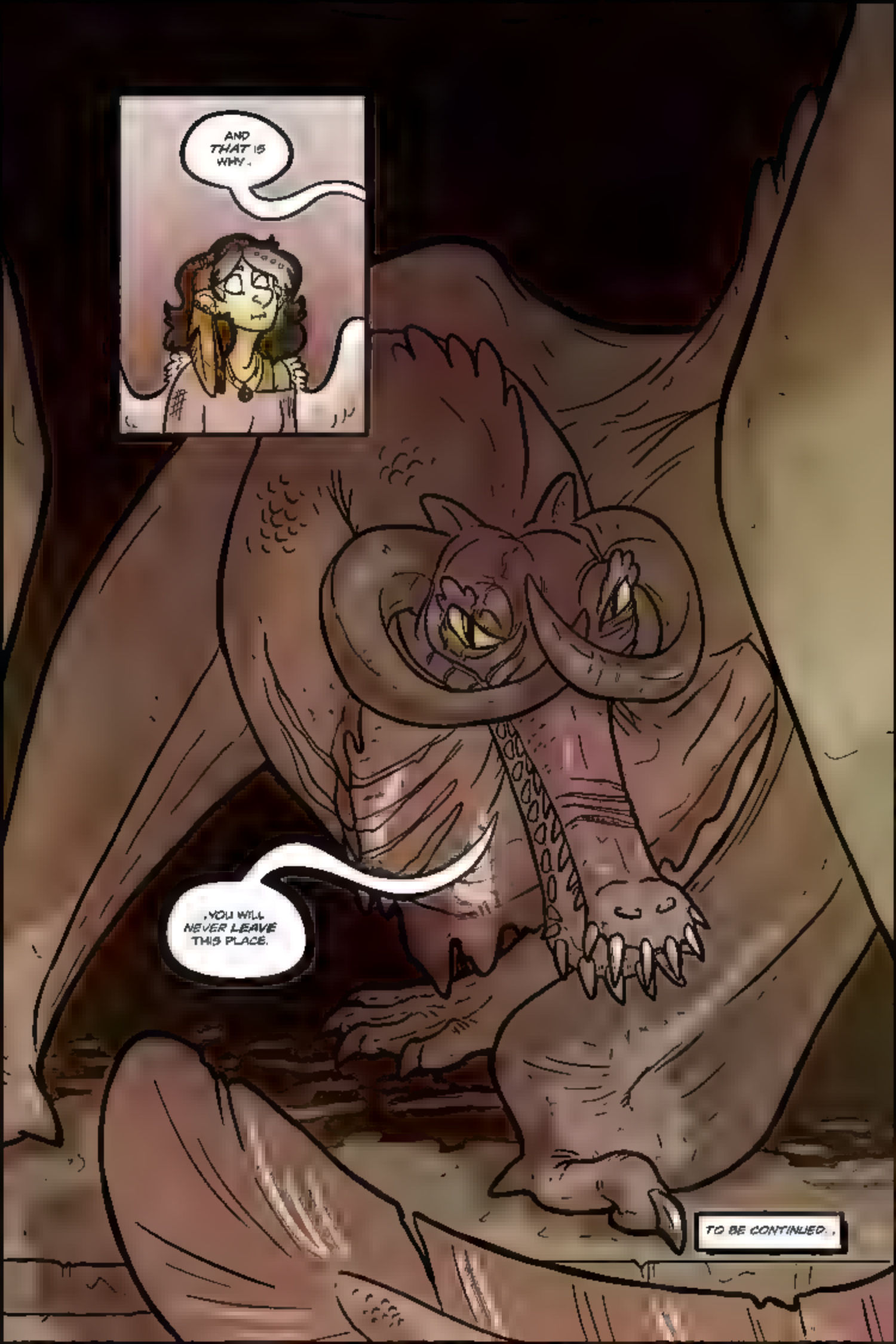
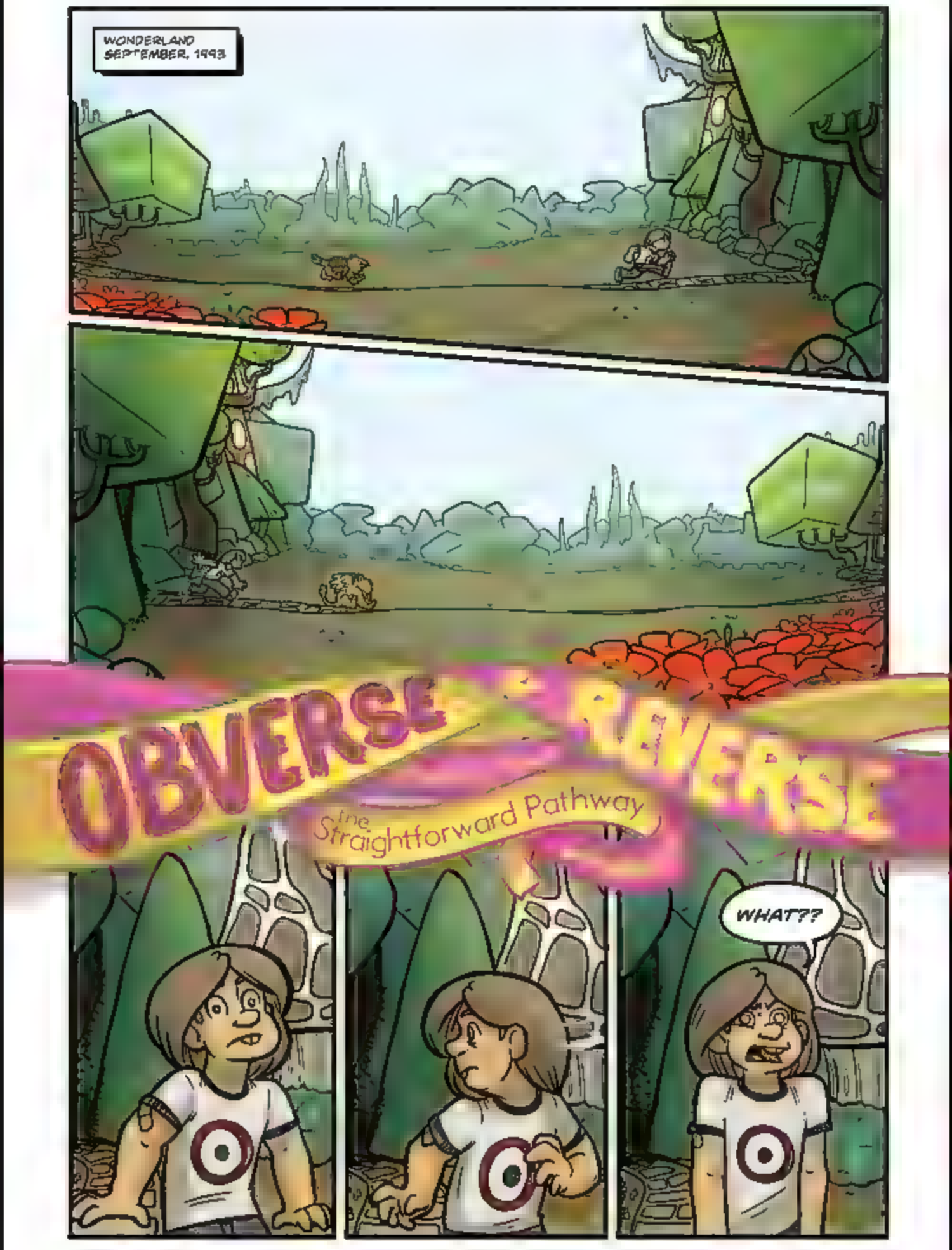

AND THAT IS WHY.
,YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE THIS PLACE.
TO BE CONTINUED.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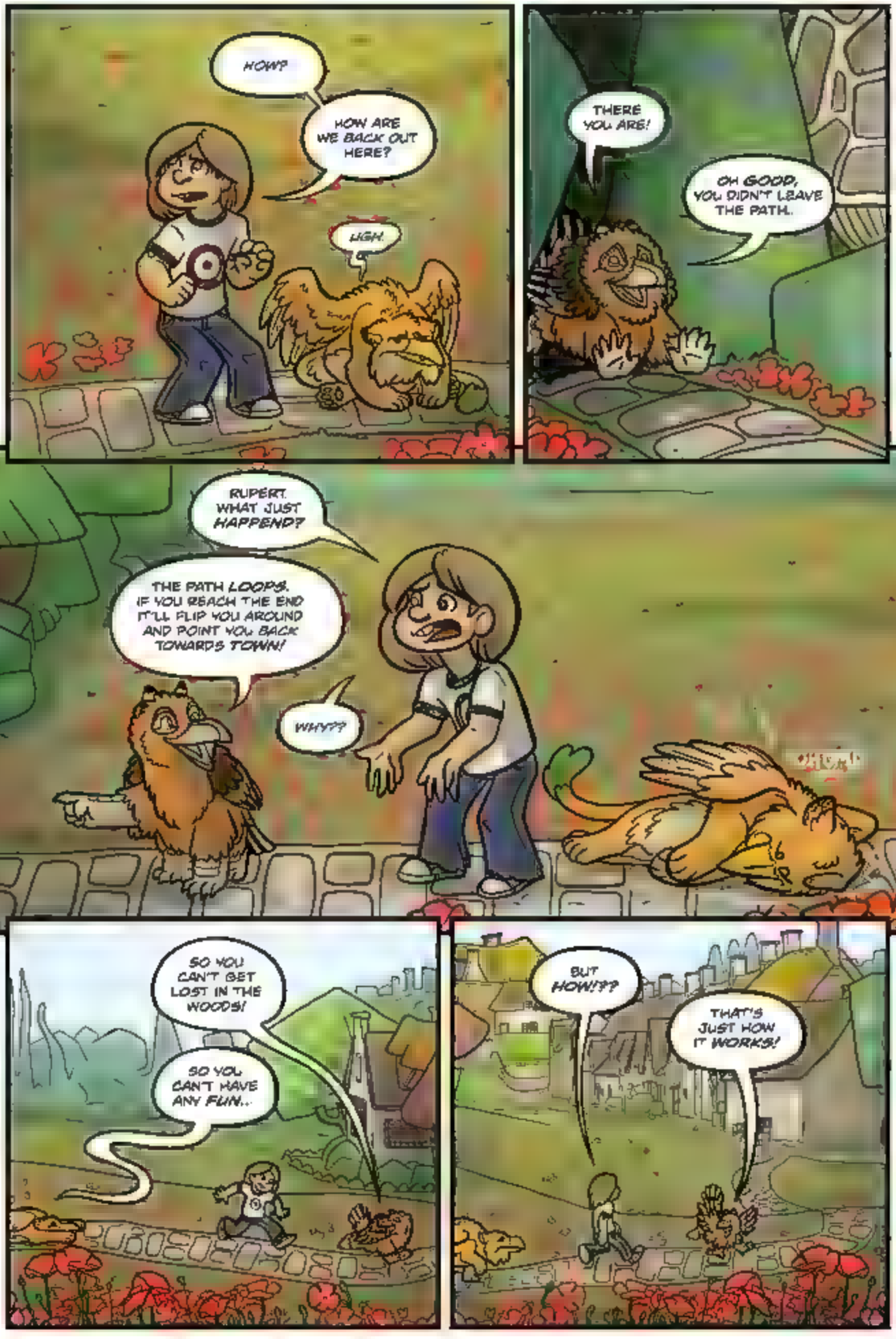
REVERSE
the Straightforward Pathway
WHAT??


HOW?
HOW ARE WE BACK OUT HERE?
UGH.
THERE YOU ARE!
OH GOOD, YOU DIDN'T LEAVE THE PATH.
RUPERT. WHAT JUST HAPPEND?
THE PATH LOOPS. IF YOU REACH THE END IT'LL FLIP YOU AROUND AND POINT YOU BACK TOWARDS TOWN!
WHY??
SO YOU CAN'T GET LOST IN THE WOODS!
SO YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY FUN..
BUT HOW!??
THAT'S JUST HOW IT WORKS!

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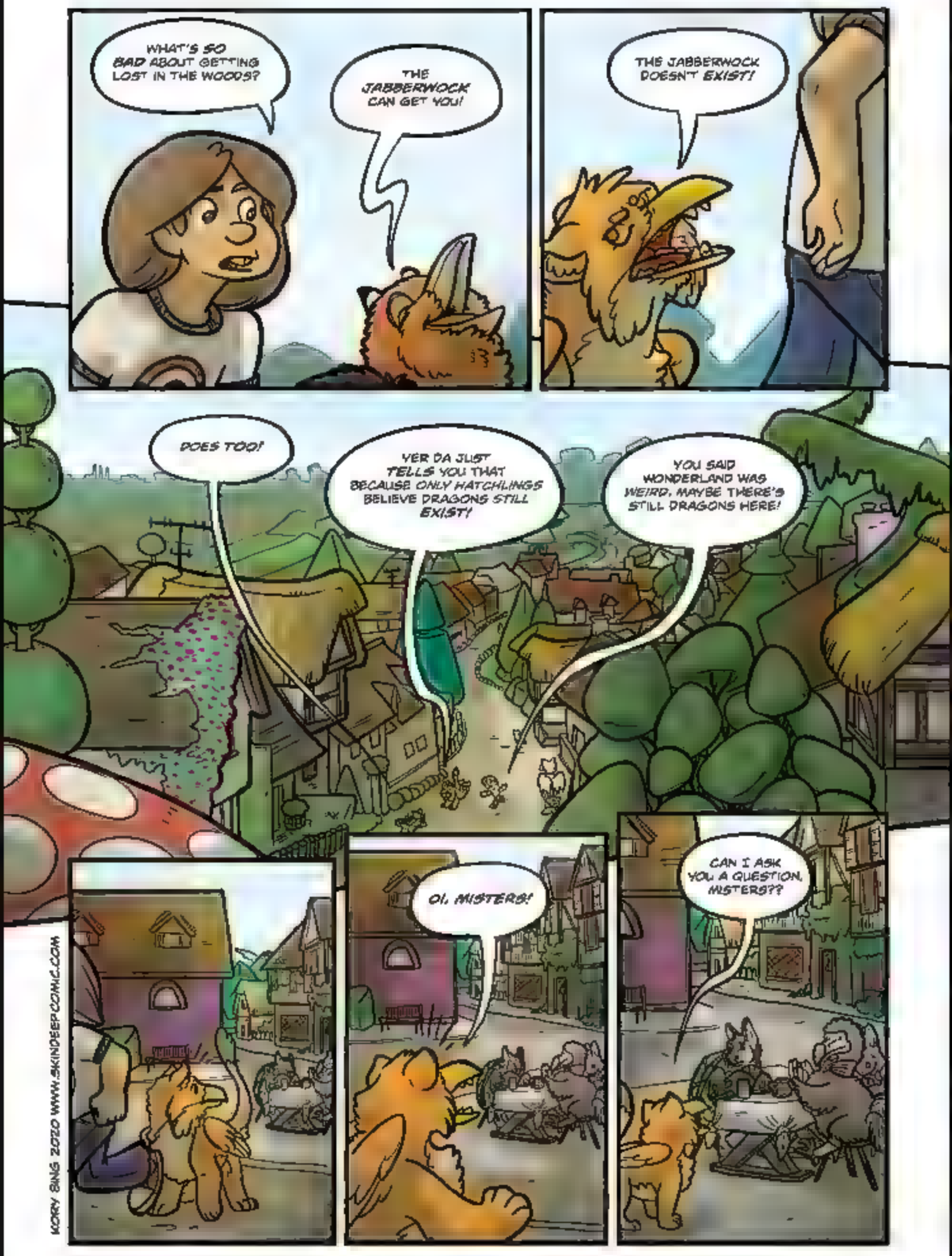
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT GETTING LOST IN THE WOODS?
THE JABBERWOCK CAN GET YOU!
THE JABBERWOCK DOESN'T EXIST!
DOES TOO!
YER DA JUST TELLS YOU THAT BECAUSE ONLY HATCHLINGS BELIEVE DRAGONS STILL EXIST!
YOU SAID WONDERLAND WAS WEIRD, MAYBE THERE'S STILL DRAGONS HERE!
OI, MISTER!
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION, MISTER??
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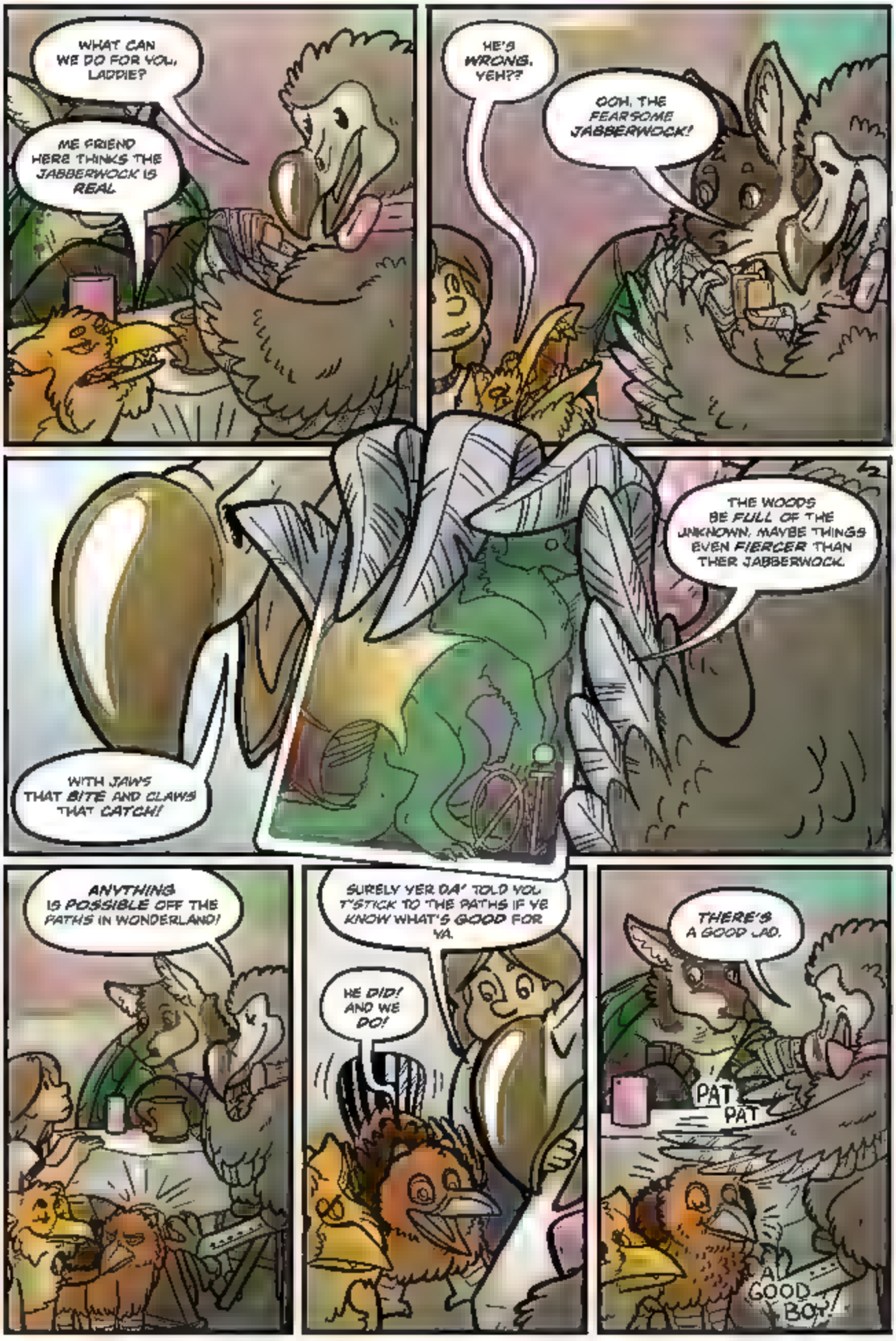
WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU, LADDIE?
ME FRIEND HERE THINKS THE JABBERWOCK IS REAL
HE'S WRONG, YEH??
OOH, THE FEARSOME JABBERWOCK!
THE WOODS BE FULL OF THE UNKNOWN. MAYBE THINGS EVEN FIERCER THAN THER JABBERWOCK.
WITH JAWS THAT BITE AND CLAWS THAT CATCH!
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE OFF THE PATHS IN WONDERLAND!
SURELY YER DA' TOLD YOU T'STICK TO THE PATHS IF YE KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YA.
WE DID! AND WE DO!
THERE'S A GOOD LAD.
PAT PAT
A GOOD BOY!

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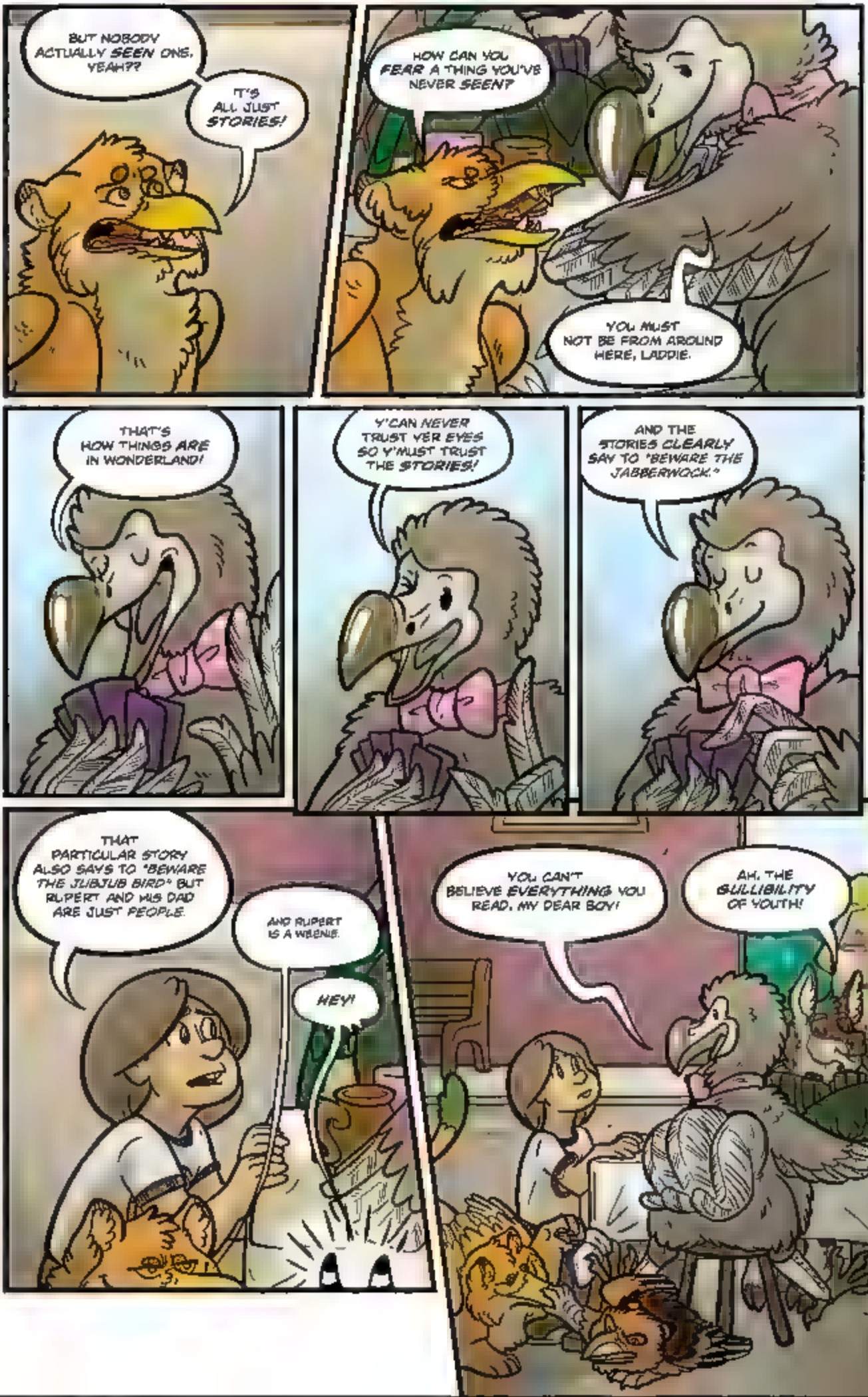
BUT NOBODY ACTUALLY SEEN ONE, YEAH??
IT'S ALL JUST STORIES!
HOW CAN YOU FEAR A THING YOU'VE NEVER SEEN?
YOU MUST NOT BE FROM AROUND HERE, LADDIE.
THAT'S HOW THINGS ARE IN WONDERLAND!
Y'CAN NEVER TRUST YER EYES SO Y'MUST TRUST THE STORIES!
AND THE STORIES CLEARLY SAY TO "BEWARE THE JABBERWOCK."
THAT PARTICULAR STORY ALSO SAYS TO "BEWARE THE JUBJUB BIRD." BUT RUPERT AND HIS DAD ARE JUST PEOPLE.
AND RUPERT IS A WEENIE.
HEY!
YOU CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ, MY DEAR BOY!
AH, THE GULLIBILITY OF YOUTH!
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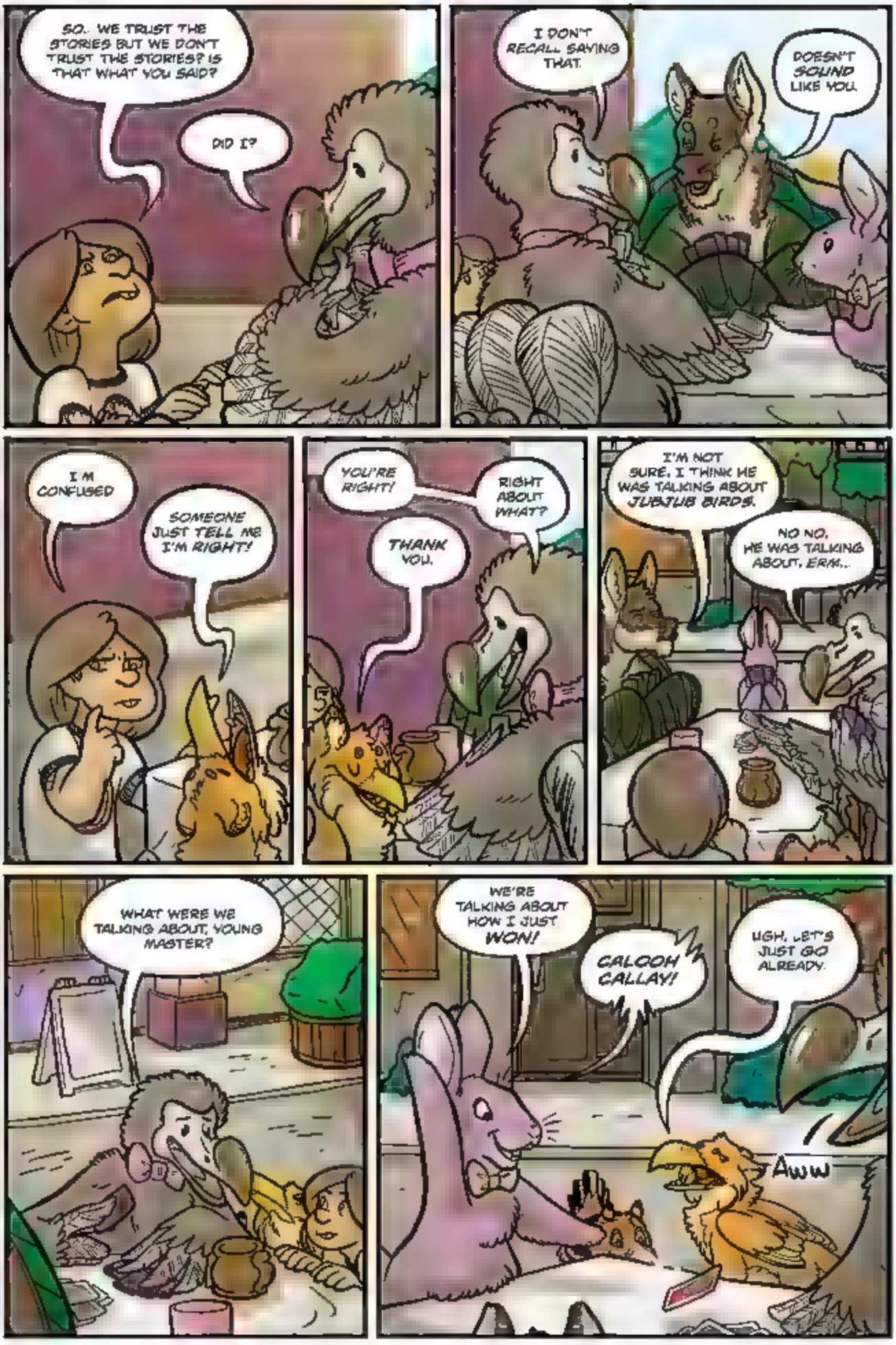
SO. WE TRUST THE STORIES BUT WE DON'T TRUST THE STORIES? IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?
DID I?
I DON'T RECALL SAYING THAT.
DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU.
I'M CONFUSED
SOMEONE JUST TELL ME I'M RIGHT!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
RIGHT ABOUT WHAT?
THANK YOU.
I'M NOT SURE. I THINK HE WAS TALKING ABOUT JUBJUB BIRDS.
NO NO, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT, ERM...
WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT, YOUNG MASTER?
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW I JUST WON!
CALOOH CALLAY!
UGH, LET'S JUST GO ALREADY.
Aww

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IS.. EVERYONE HERE LIKE THAT?
LIKE WHAT?
IT'S LIKE THEY LOST THEIR MEMORY WHILE TALKING WITH US.
THEY ALL SEEMED KINDA OFF.
YOU'D BE "OFF" TOO IF YOU HAD TO LIVE HERE FULL TIME.
HEY!
NO OFFENCE, CO2. THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS HERE.
IT'S NOT VERY MUCH LIKE THE BOOKS.
DAD SAID THE HUMAN THAT WANDERED IN HERE AND WROTE ABOUT US DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB, ACTUALLY
THIS IS WHY I DON'T READ!
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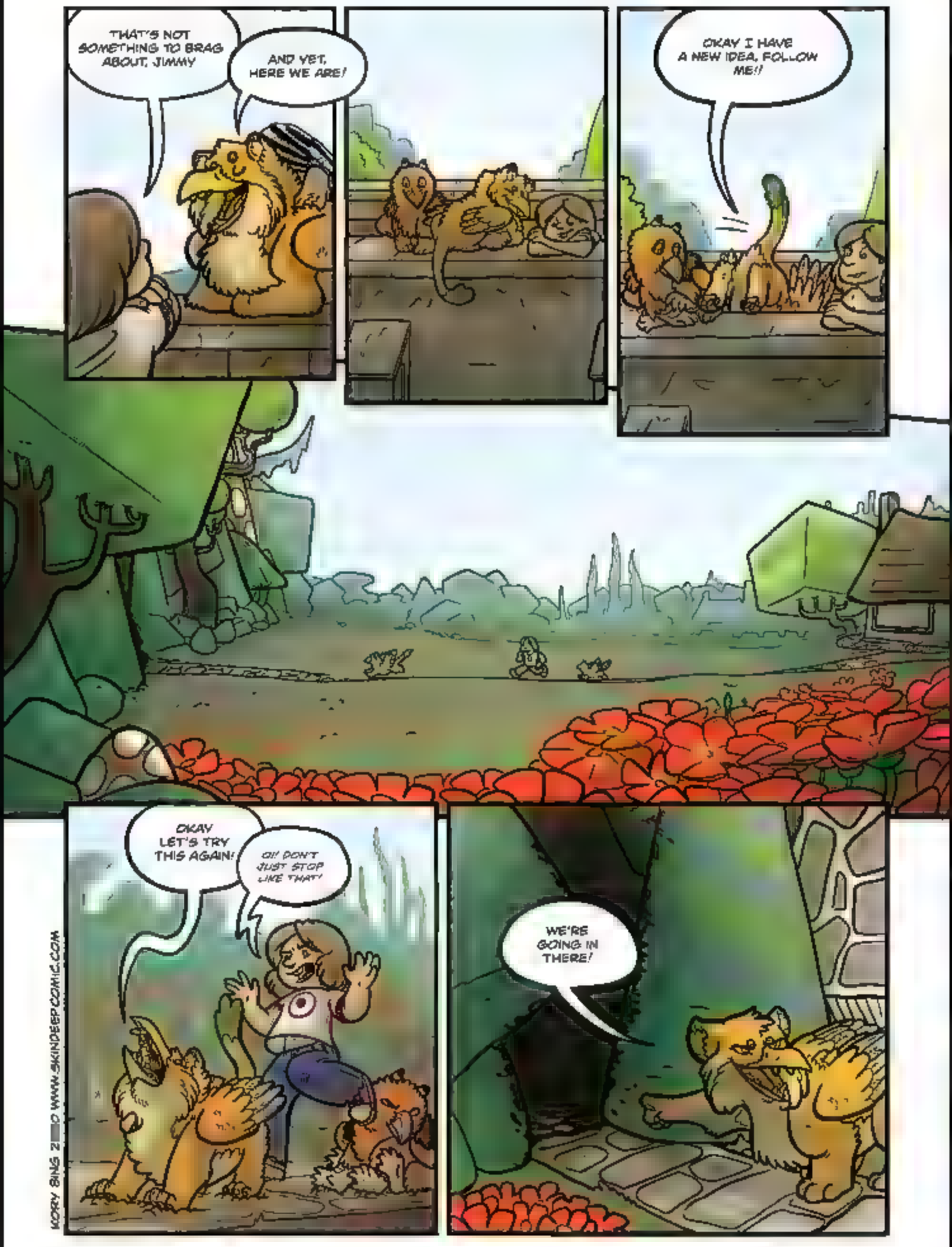
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT, JIMMY
AND YET, HERE WE ARE!
OKAY I HAVE A NEW IDEA, FOLLOW ME!!
OKAY LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN!
OI! DON'T JUST STOP LIKE THAT!
WE'RE GOING IN THERE!
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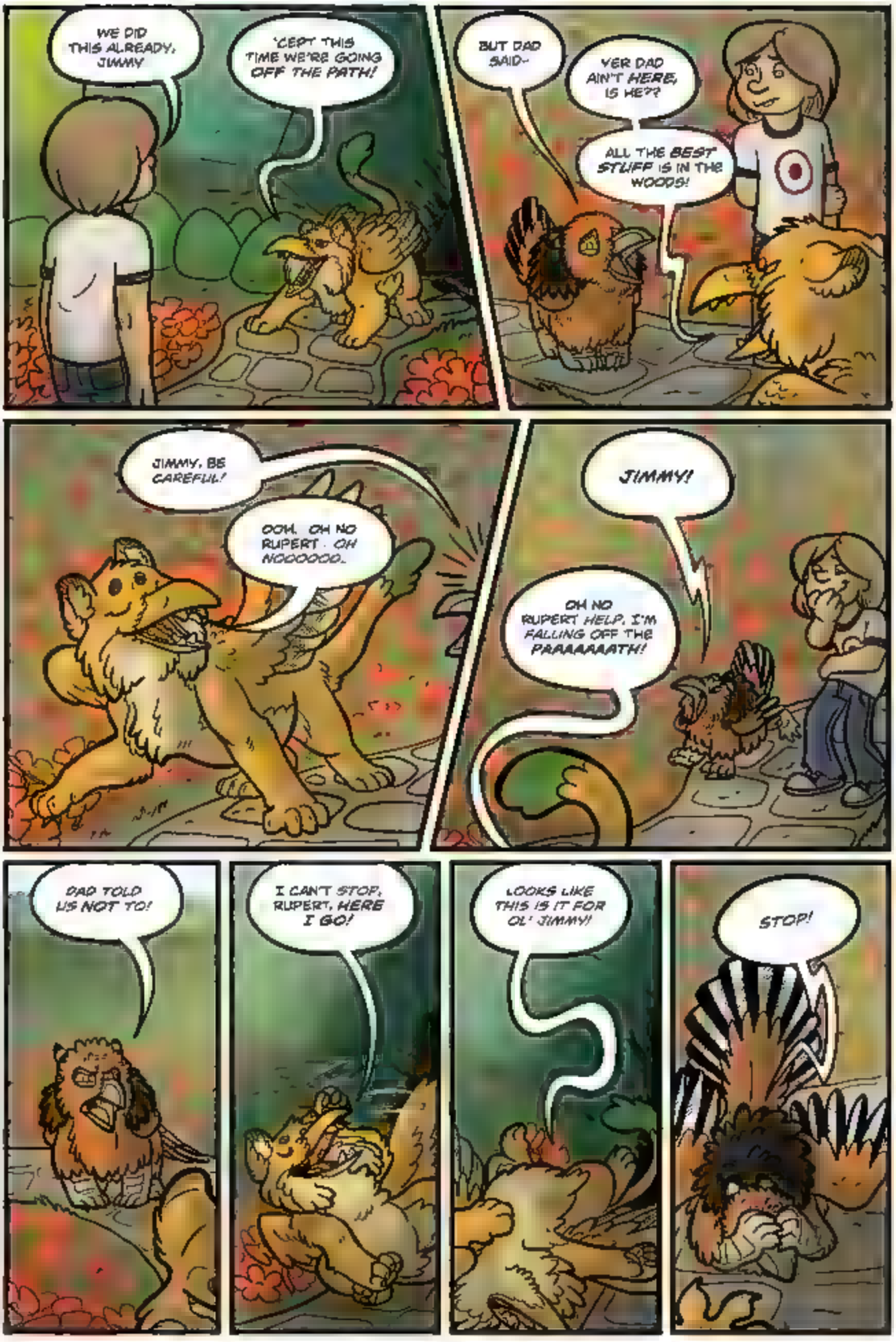
WE DID THIS ALREADY, JIMMY
'CEPT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING OFF THE PATH!
BUT DAD SAID~
YER DAD AIN'T HERE, IS HE??
ALL THE BEST STUFF IS IN THE WOODS!
JIMMY, BE CAREFUL!
OOH. OH NO RUPERT. OH NOOOOOO.
JIMMY!
OH NO RUPERT HELP, I'M FALLING OFF THE PRAAAAAATH!
DAD TOLD US NOT TO!
I CAN'T STOP, RUPERT, HERE I GO!
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT FOR OL' JIMMY!
STOP!

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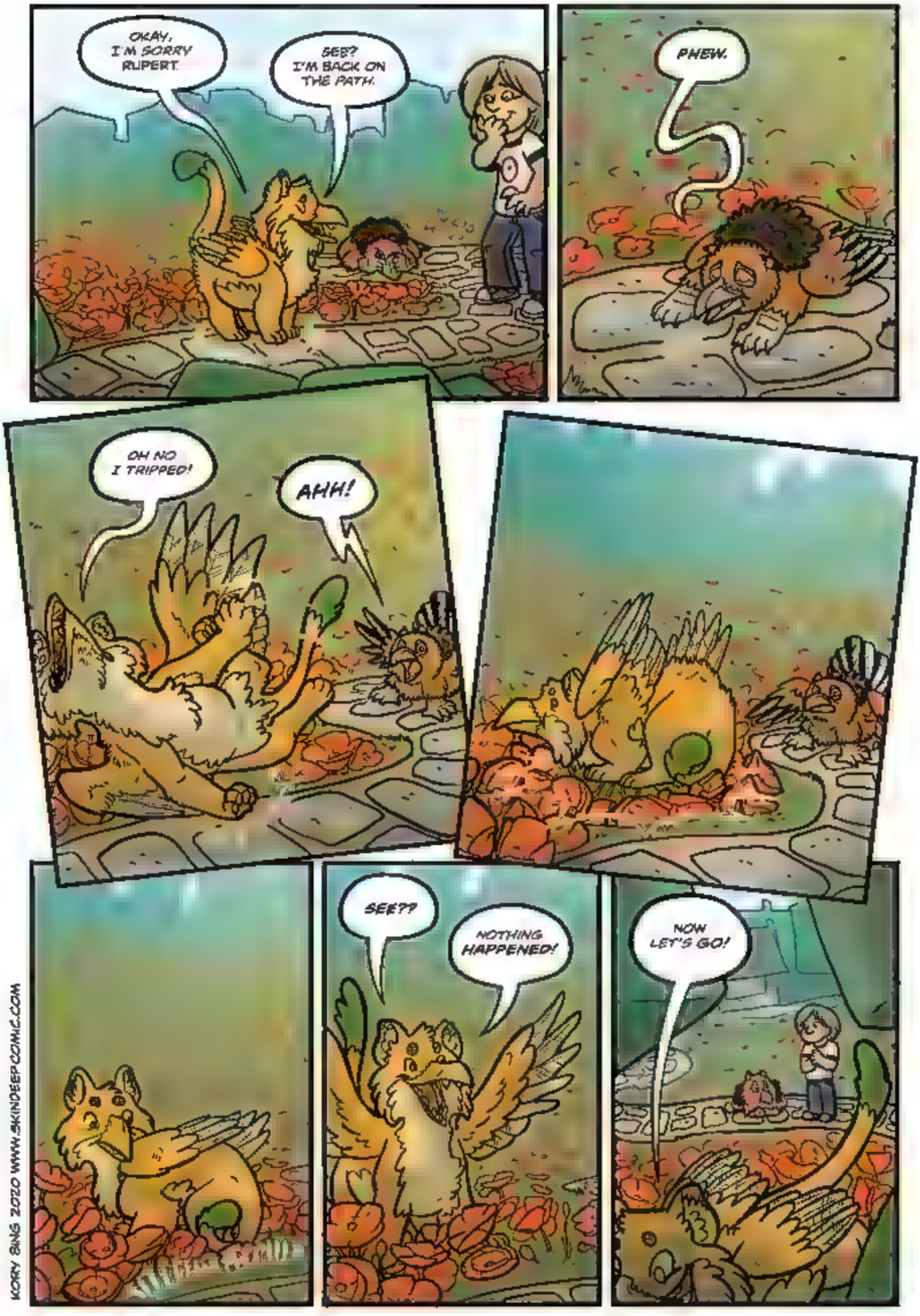

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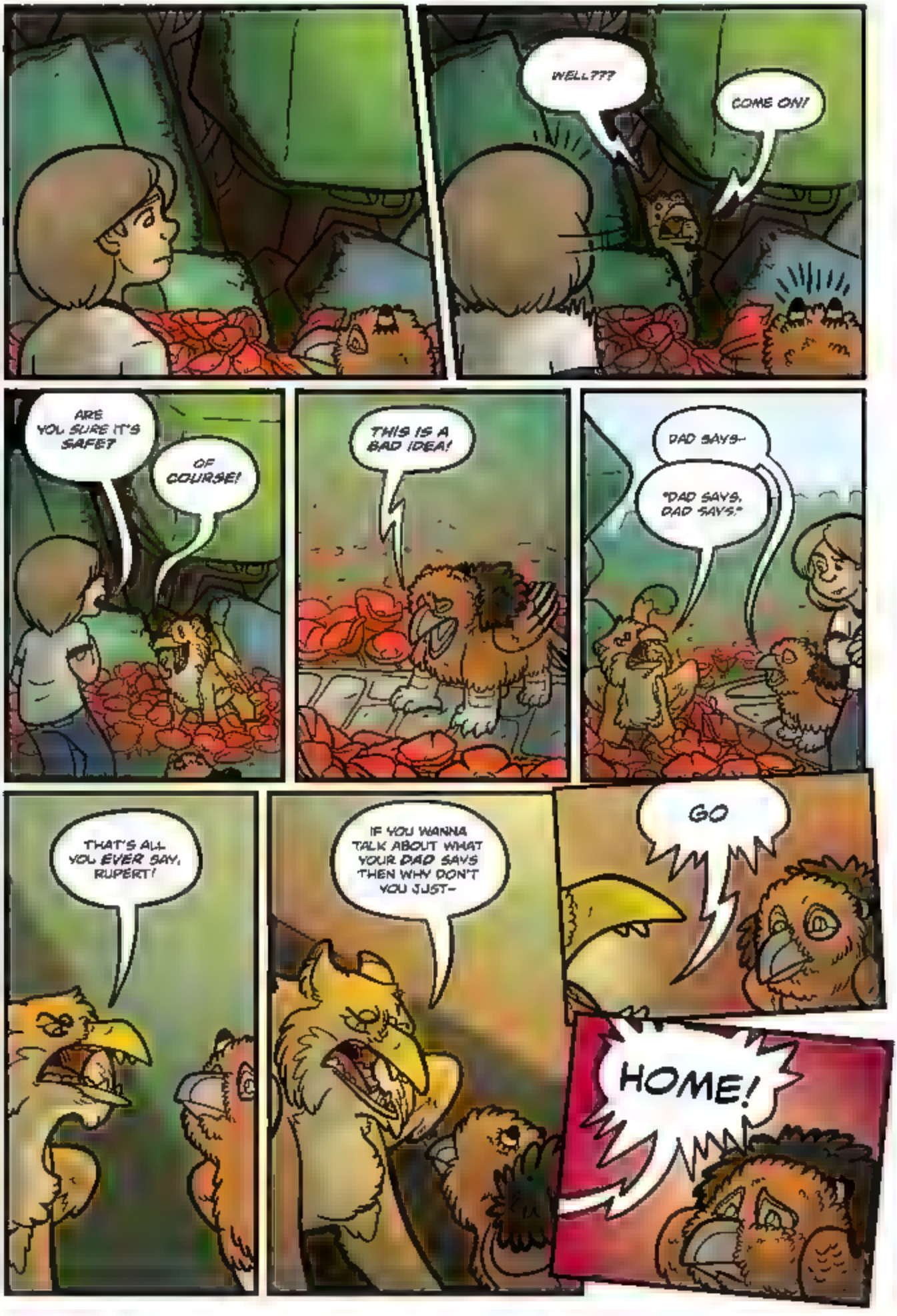

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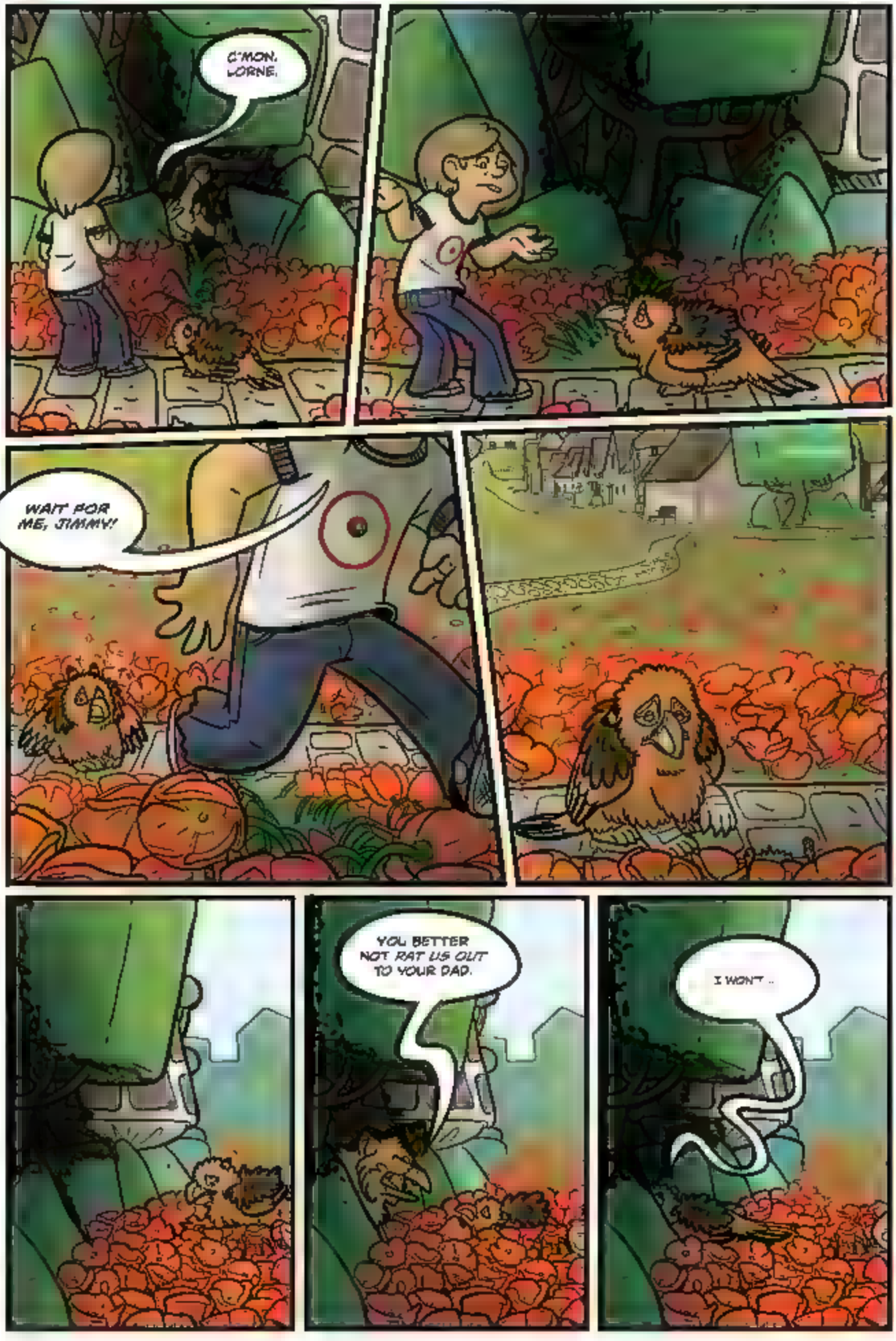

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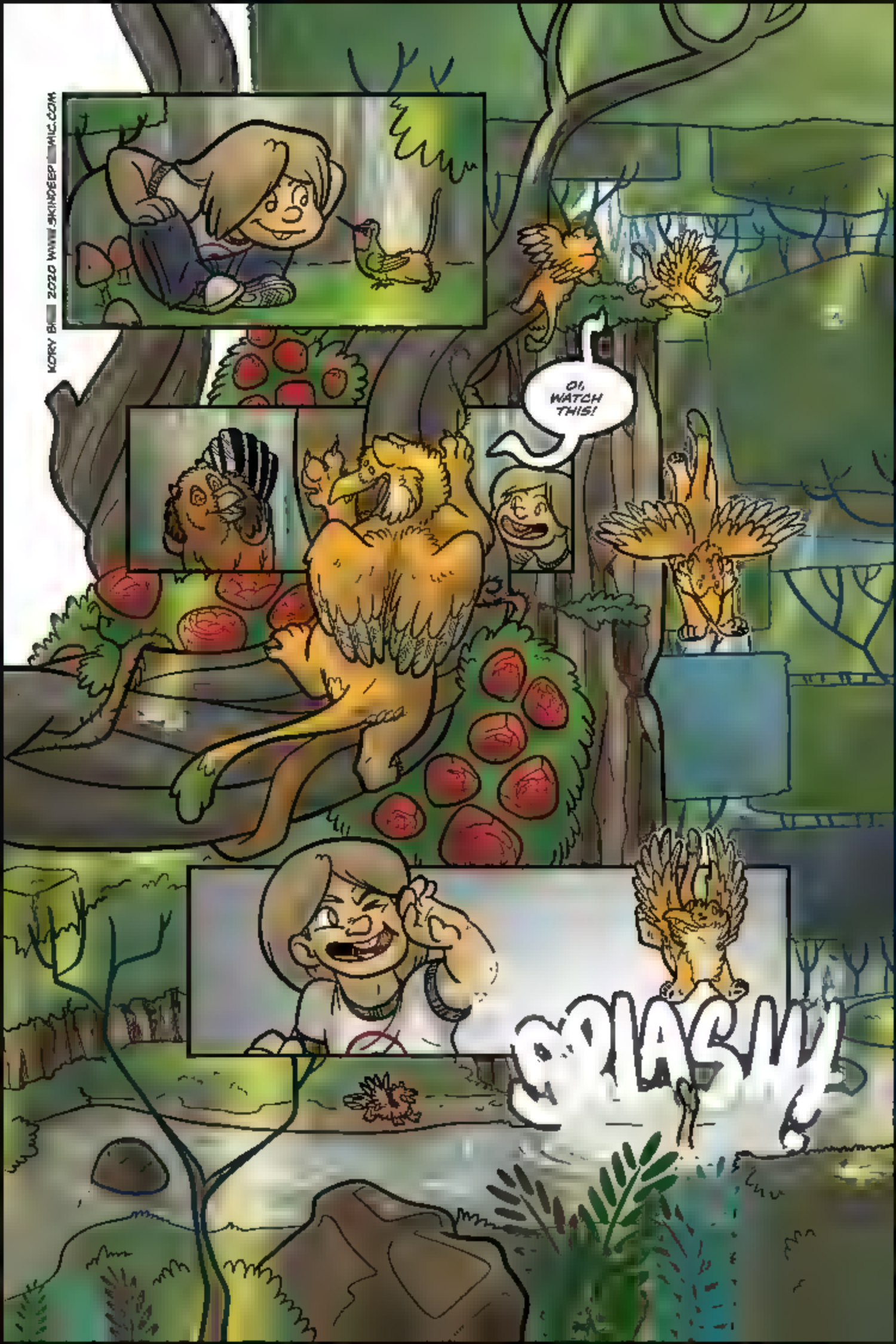
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OI, WATCH THIS!
SPLASH!

I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD BE FUN!
IT'S LIKE I'M INSIDE ONE OF YOUR BROTHER'S COMPUTER GAMES!
WOAH!
WHERE'D MY SHADOW GO???
IT'S OVER HERE!
SEE, THIS IS FUN!
WE'RE HAVING FUN!!
DID ANYONE ELSE HEAR THAT?
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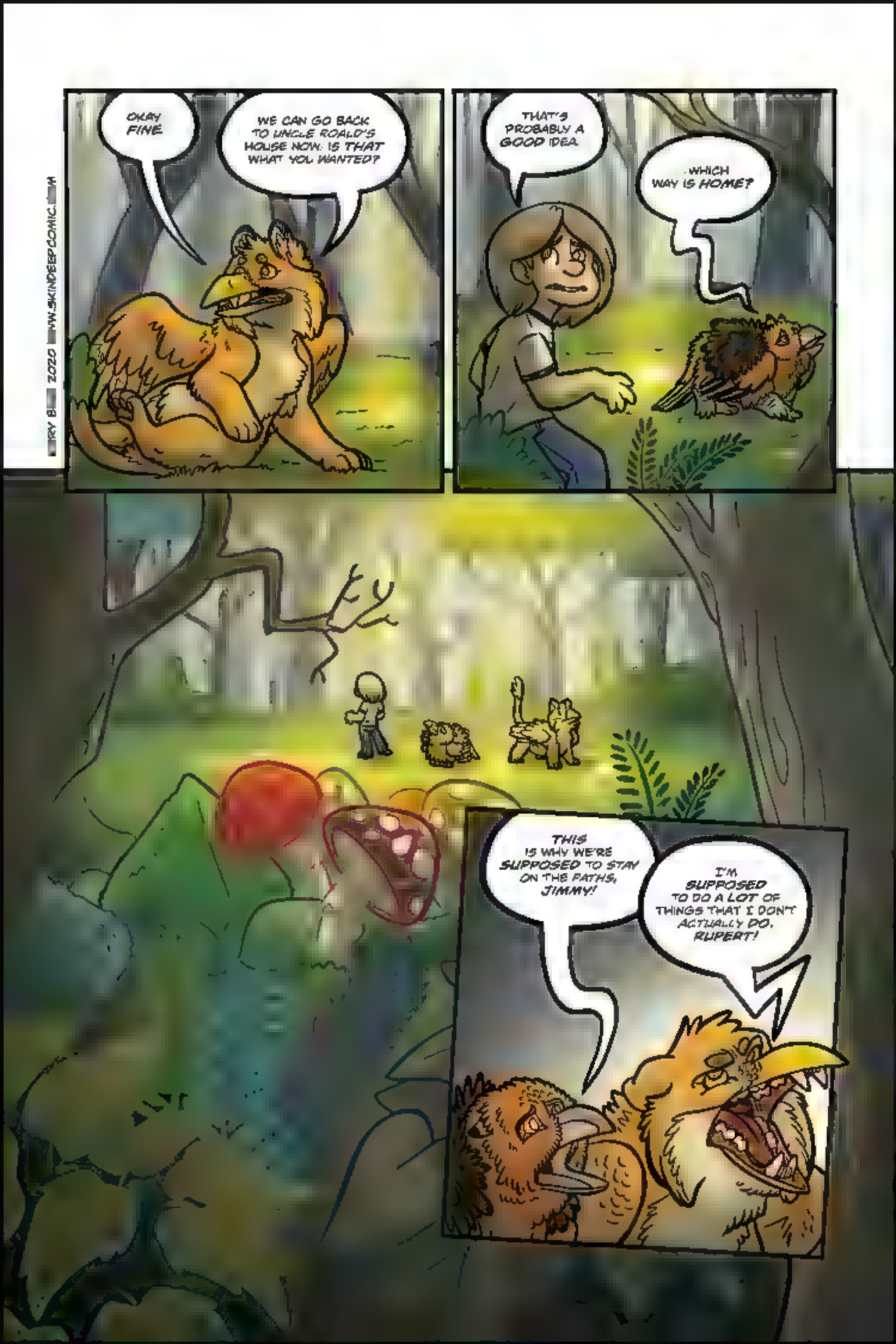
OKAY FINE
WE CAN GO BACK TO UNCLE ROALD'S HOUSE NOW. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED?
THAT'S PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA.
...WHICH WAY IS HOME?
THIS IS WHY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY ON THE PATHS, JIMMY!
I'M SUPPOSED TO DO A LOT OF THINGS THAT I DON'T ACTUALLY DO, RUPERT!
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HAH HAH!
WE MADE IT!
SEE, RUPERT!
EVERYTHING IS TOTALLY FINE!
GAH!
SHHF!
, WHERE'S RUPERT?
..RUPERT?
TO BE CONTINUED!
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AND THAT IS WHY YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE HERE.
OBVERSE
...
...EXCUSE ME??
M-MY LORD!
SURELY-

YOUNG BLOODCARVER.
YOU HAVE DONE WELL TO BRING THE SPHINX TO ME.
I SEE THAT YOUR.
...PUNISHMENT...
FOR FAILING ME THE FIRST TIME TAUGHT YOU A LESSON
WHA·
WAS THIS YOUR INTENTION THE WHOLE TIME, TO GIVE ME TO THIS GUY?
I BELIEVED YOU WHEN YOU SAID YOU NEEDED HELP!
WAS THAT ALL A LIE TO LURE ME HERE?

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WHAT. NO!
LORD FATHER..
DIS PATER!
MY LORD, PLEASE!
THE SPH NX-
-MICHELLE-
-SHE CAN HELP US!
NO SPHINX CAN HELP US!
SPHINXES ONLY KILL DRAGONS!
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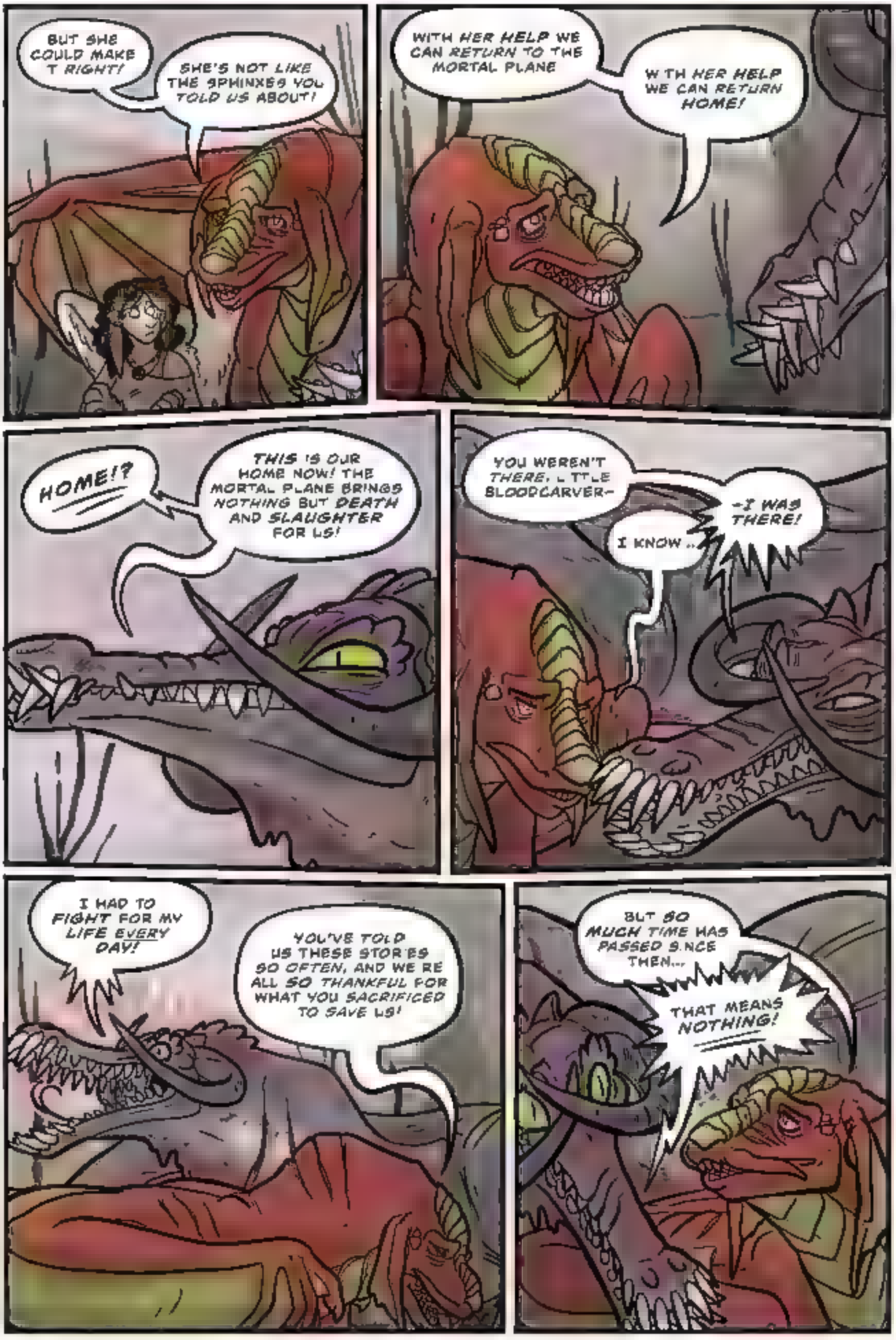
BUT SHE COULD MAKE T RIGHT!
SHE'S NOT LIKE THE SPHINXES YOU TOLD US ABOUT!
WITH HER HELP WE CAN RETURN TO THE MORTAL PLANE
W TH HER HELP WE CAN RETURN HOME!
HOME!?
THIS IS OUR HOME NOW! THE MORTAL PLANE BRINGS NOTHING BUT DEATH AND SLAUGHTER FOR US!
YOU WEREN'T THERE, L TTLE BLOODCARVER-
-I WAS THERE!
I KNOW..
I HAD TO FIGHT FOR MY LIFE EVERY DAY!
YOU'VE TOLD US THESE STORIES SO OFTEN, AND WE RE ALL SO THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU SACRIFICED TO SAVE US!
BUT SO MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEN...
THAT MEANS NOTHING!

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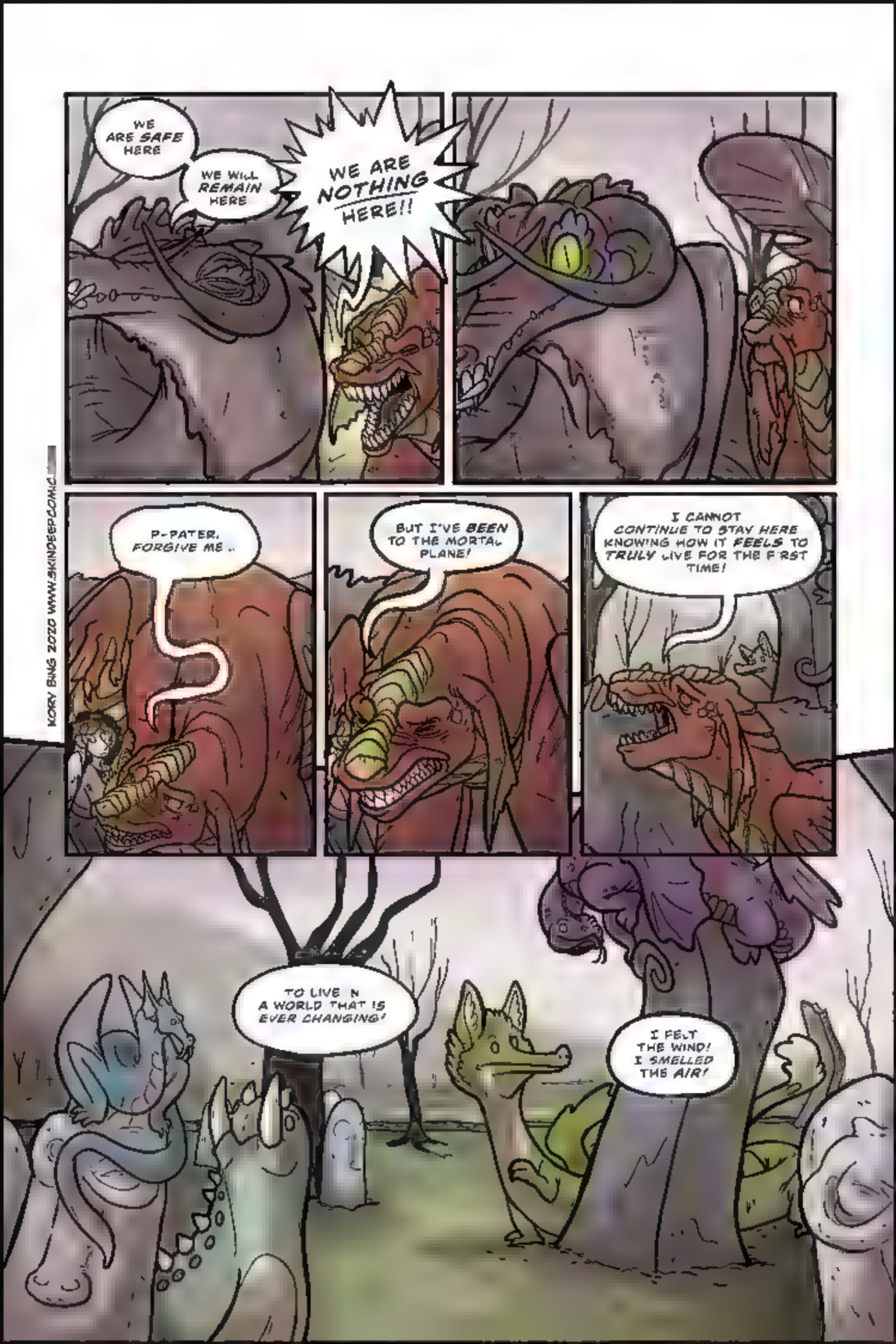
WE ARE SAFE HERE
WE WILL REMAIN HERE
WE ARE NOTHING HERE!!
P-PATER. FORGIVE ME ..
BUT I'VE BEEN TO THE MORTAL PLANE!
I CANNOT CONTINUE TO STAY HERE KNOWING HOW IT FEELS TO TRULY LIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME!
TO LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS EVER CHANGING!
I FELT THE WIND! I SMELLED THE AIR!
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OH, YOUNG BLOODCARVER
I SEE WHAT HAPPENED
THIS IS MY FAULT
I SENT YOU AFTER THE SPHINX BECAUSE I TRUSTED YOU..
MY MOST LOYAL BLOODCARVER.
WHOM
EEEEE
SLAM
NOPE.
DRUM
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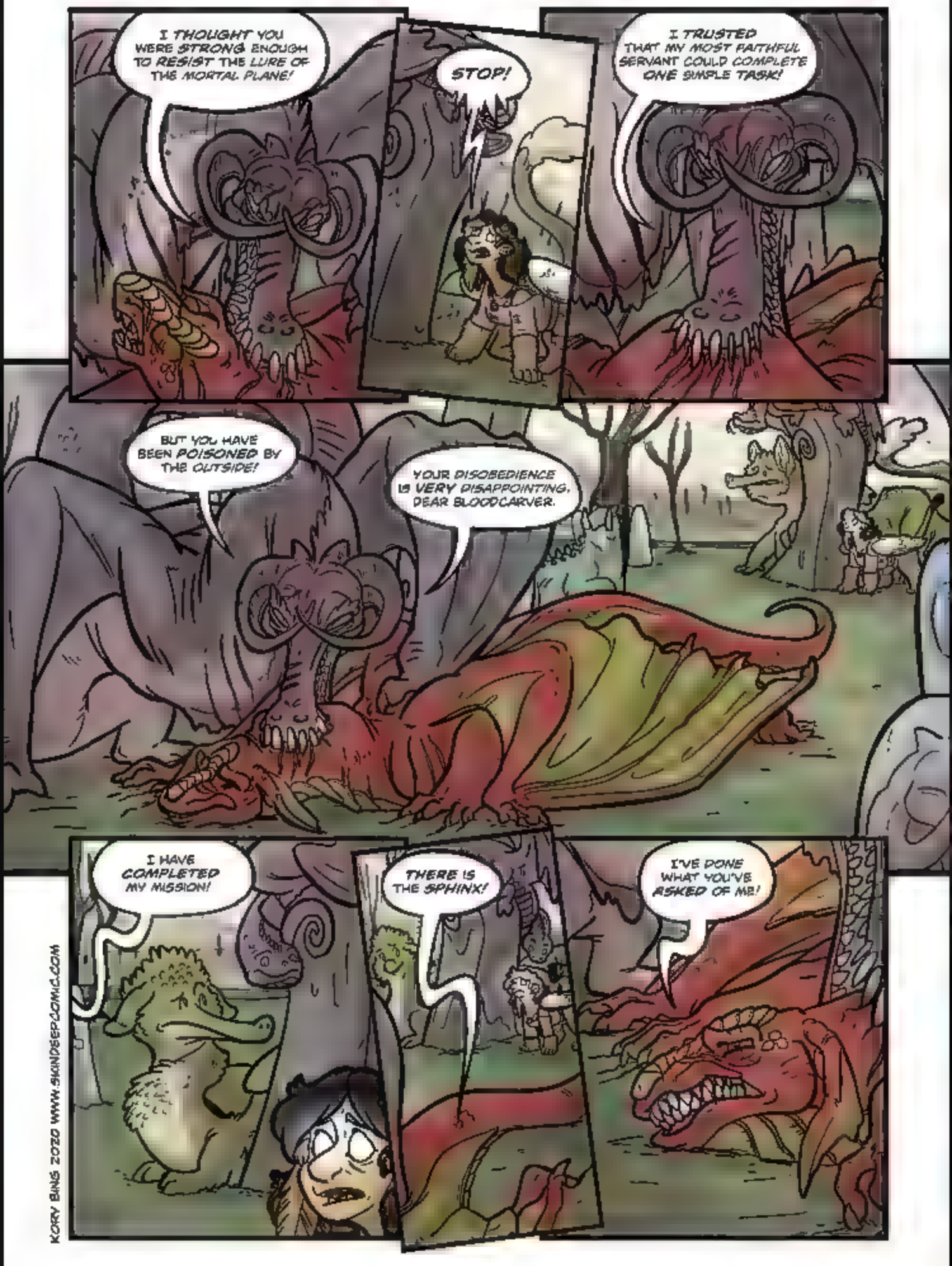
I THOUGHT YOU WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO RESIST THE LURE OF THE MORTAL PLANE!
STOP!
I TRUSTED THAT MY MOST FAITHFUL SERVANT COULD COMPLETE ONE SIMPLE TASK!
BUT YOU HAVE BEEN POISONED BY THE OUTSIDE!
YOUR DISOBEDIENCE IS VERY DISAPPOINTING, DEAR BLOODCARVER.
I HAVE COMPLETED MY MISSION!
THERE IS THE SPHINX!
I'VE DONE WHAT YOU'VE ASKED OF ME!

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PLEASE, FATHER–
–I HAVE SEEN A BETTER WAY OF LIFE–
LIES!
THOSE THOUGHTS LEAD ONLY TO RUIN!
YOU WANT TO RETURN TO THE MORTAL PLANE?
AND THEN WHAT?
YOU THINK EVERY SPECIES THAT ONCE HATED US WILL NOW LOVE AND ACCEPT US?
I CAN MAKE MEDALLIONS!
I COULD MAKE YOU ALL MEDALLIONS!

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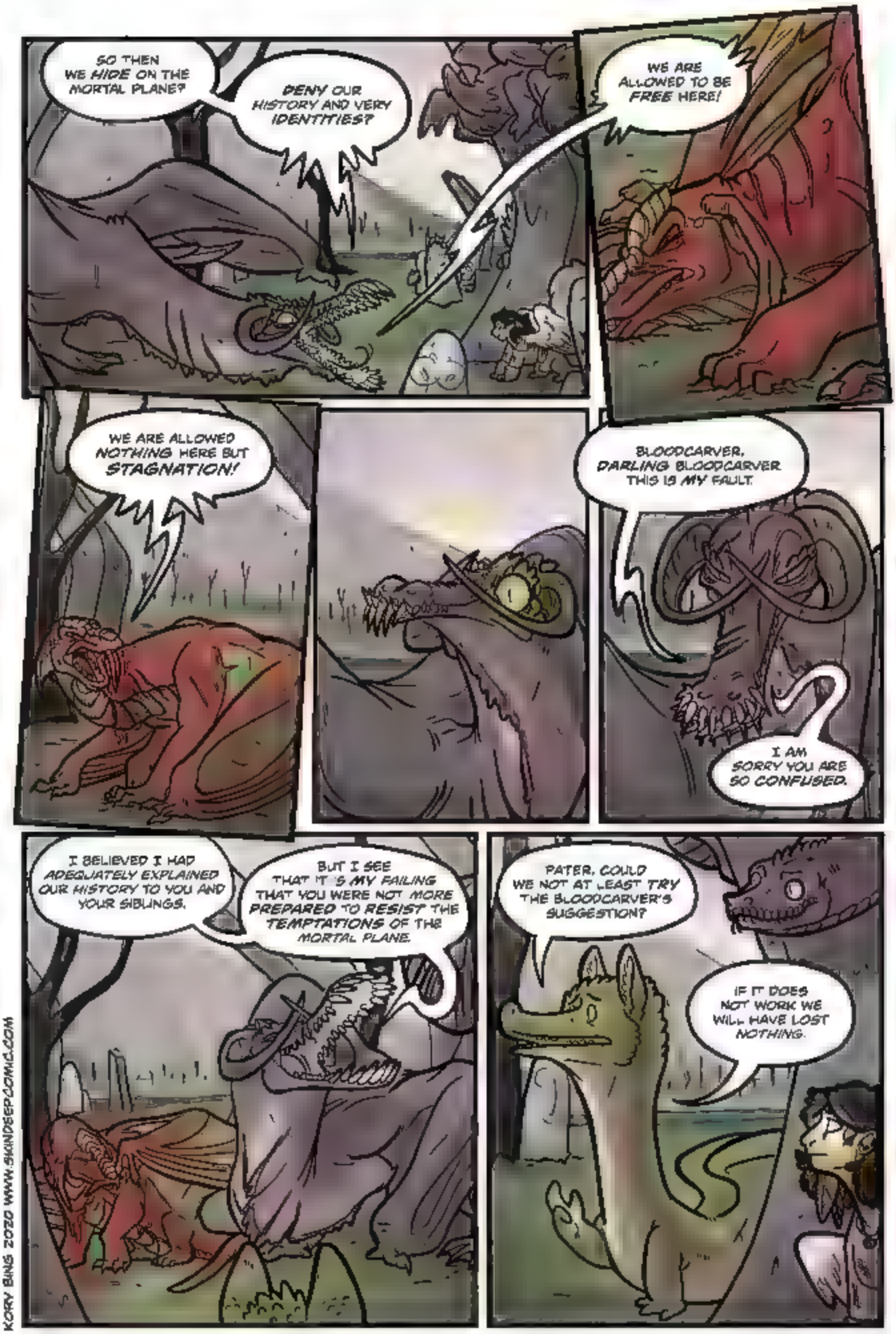
SO THEN WE HIDE ON THE MORTAL PLANE?
DENY OUR HISTORY AND VERY IDENTITIES?
WE ARE ALLOWED TO BE FREE HERE!
WE ARE ALLOWED NOTHING HERE BUT STAGNATION!
BLOODCARVER, DARLING BLOODCARVER THIS IS MY FAULT.
I AM SORRY YOU ARE SO CONFUSED.
I BELIEVED I HAD ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED OUR HISTORY TO YOU AND YOUR SIBLINGS.
BUT I SEE THAT IT'S MY FAILING THAT YOU WERE NOT MORE PREPARED TO RESIST THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE MORTAL PLANE.
PATER, COULD WE NOT AT LEAST TRY THE BLOODCARVER'S SUGGESTION?
IF IT DOES NOT WORK WE WILL HAVE LOST NOTHING.

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LOST NOTHING?
WE COULD LOSE EVERYTHING!
THE MORTAL PLANE HAS TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM US, AND IT WILL AGAIN IF WE RETURN!
IGNORING THAT DISHONORS ALL THE DRAGONS THAT DIED SO WE COULD BE SAFE HERE.
LOOK!
EVEN TALK OF IT IS THREATENING TO DISRUPT THE PEACE!
WHY DOES PEACE HAVE TO EQUAL LIFELESSNESS?
I CANNOT BE THE ONLY ONE WHO WISHES FOR CHANGE!

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SILENCE!
I AM YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE LIVED LONGER THAN ANY OF YOU!
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO UNDERMINE MY AUTHORITY AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR OUR KIND!
DO I GET ANY SAY IN THIS AT ALL?
OF COURSE NOT!!
THEN WHY DID YOU EVEN WANT TO BRING ME HERE?
OH!
BLOODCARVER. PERHAPS THIS WILL APPEASE YOU.
YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN TALKING TO OUR GRACIOUS HOSTS HERE-
DEMONS.
-THE DEMONS. YES.

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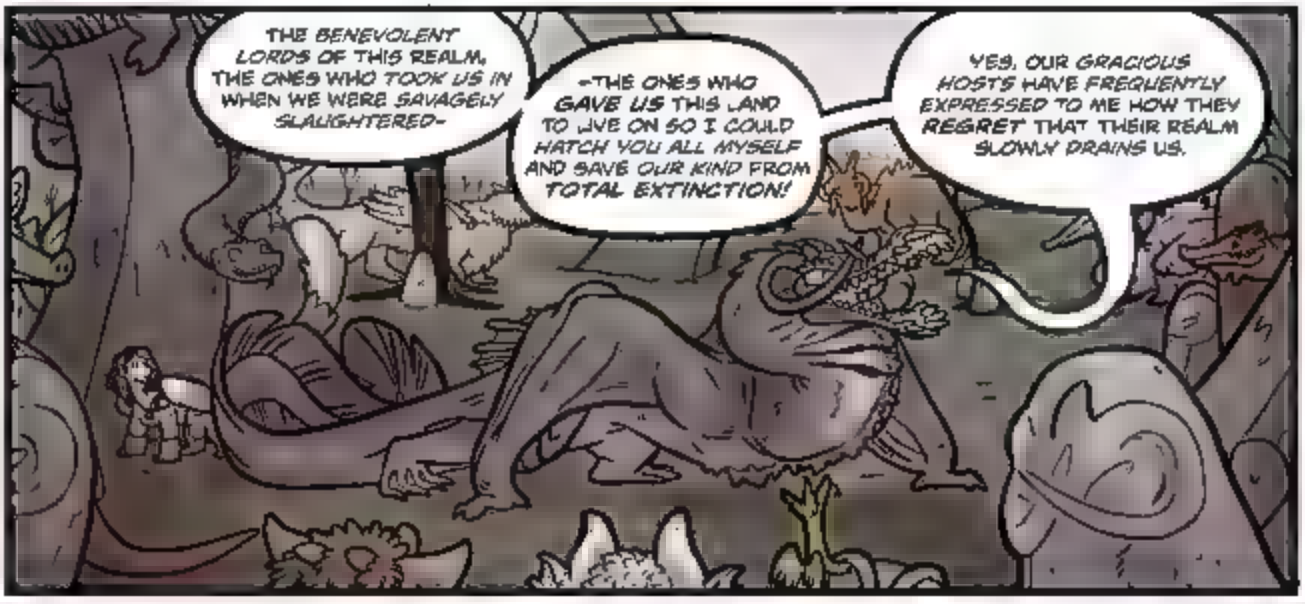
THE BENEVOLENT LORDS OF THIS REALM, THE ONES WHO TOOK US IN WHEN WE WERE SAVAGELY SLAUGHTERED-
-THE ONES WHO GAVE US THIS LAND TO LIVE ON SO I COULD HATCH YOU ALL MYSELF AND SAVE OUR KIND FROM TOTAL EXTINCTION!
YES. OUR GRACIOUS HOSTS HAVE FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED TO ME HOW THEY REGRET THAT THEIR REALM SLOWLY DRAINS US.

BEFORE WE ARRIVED, THEY WERE FORCED TO TRAVEL TO OTHER REALMS TO FIND WAYS TO SUSTAIN THEIR HOME.
IF ONLY THEY COULD MANUFACTURE THE POWER NEEDED ON THEIR OWN...
... BUT ALAS, THEY ARE CURSED.

YET ALL THE SAME, EVEN THOUGH IT IS MORE THAN A FAIR PRICE TO PAY FOR SAVING OUR ENTIRE SPECIES, THEY HAVE DISCOVERED AN ALTERNATE SOLUTION.
A SOLUTION TO STOP ALL OF OUR SUFFERING!
AND ALL THEY NEED-
-IS ONE LIVING SPHINX.

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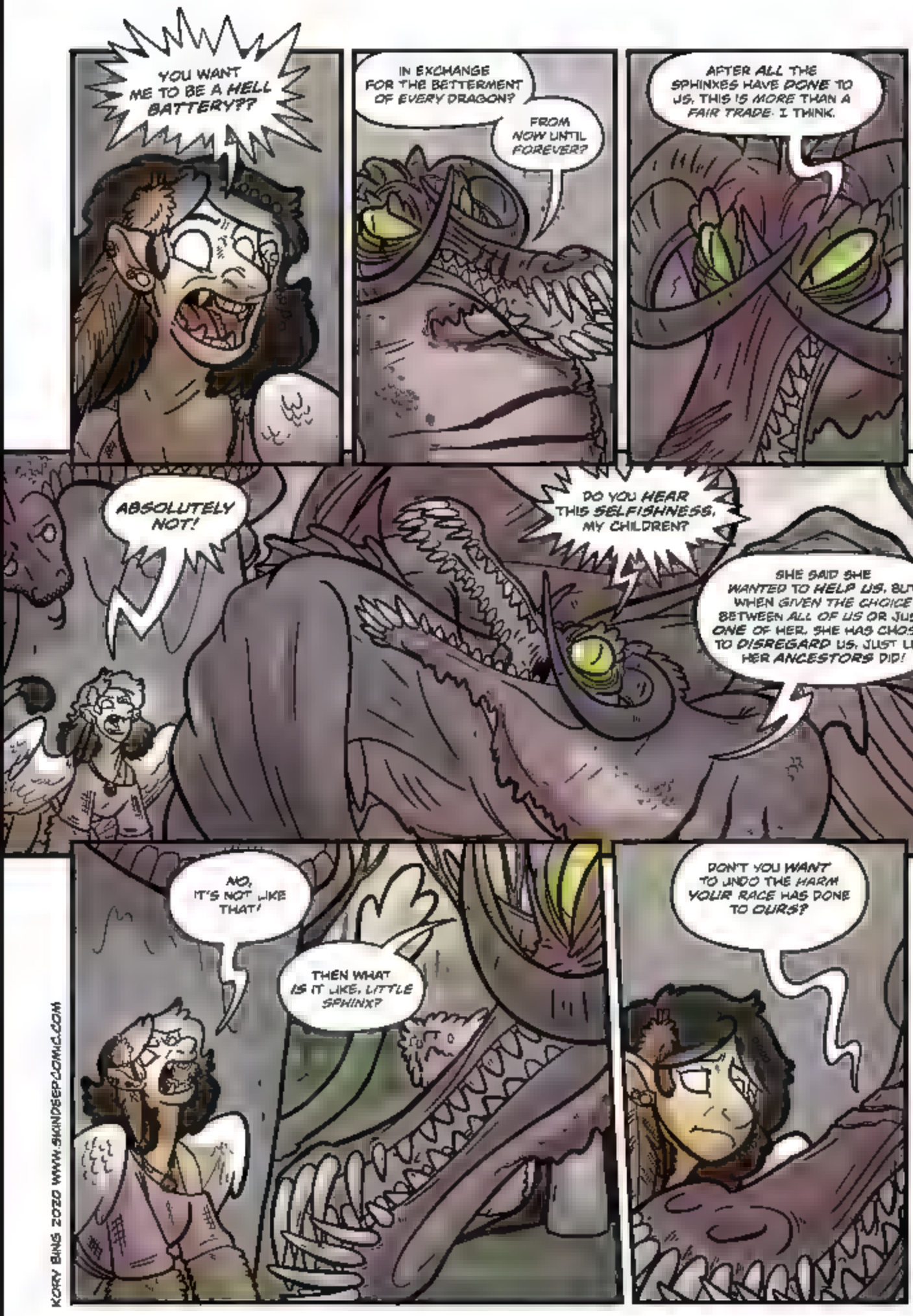
YOU WANT ME TO BE A HELL BATTERY??
IN EXCHANGE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF EVERY DRAGON?
FROM NOW UNTIL FOREVER?
AFTER ALL THE SPHINXES HAVE DONE TO US, THIS IS MORE THAN A FAIR TRADE. I THINK.
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
DO YOU HEAR THIS SELFISHNESS, MY CHILDREN?
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO HELP US, BUT WHEN GIVEN THE CHOICE BETWEEN ALL OF US OR JUST ONE OF HER, SHE HAS CHOSEN TO DISREGARD US, JUST LIKE HER ANCESTORS DID!
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
THEN WHAT IS IT LIKE, LITTLE SPHINX?
DON'T YOU WANT TO UNDO THE HARM YOUR RACE HAS DONE TO OURS?

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DON'T YOU WANT TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE NOT JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER HORRIBLE, SELFISH, HOLIER-THAN-THOU SPHINX THAT HAS COME BEFORE YOU?
BUT THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO–
THE CHOICE IS CLEAR TO ME!
IS IT NOT CLEAR TO ALL OF YOU!?
SO. IF YOU WILL NOT DELIVER YOURSELF TO DIS VOLUNTARILY–
–WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT FOR YOU.
OH MY!
LOOKS LIKE THIS SPHINX IS ALL TALK, AS USUAL.
DESPITE WHAT SHE'D HAVE US BELIEVE, I SEE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS SPHINX AND THE SPHINXES THAT MURDERED US.
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IF BLOODCARVER CARED, I WOULD HAVE HIM CAPTURE THE SPHINX FOR US!
BUT SINCE HE CAN NO LONGER BE TRUSTED TO OBEY EVEN THE MOST SIMPLE OF REQUESTS-
WHO HERE WISHES TO BE MY NEW FAVORITE?
MICHELLE.
RUN.
BUT WHAT ABOUT-
SMACK
GHHK!
RUN!!

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COME ON!
WHEN WERE YOU GOING TO TELL ME THERE'S NO FLYING IN DIS!?
WHY DO YOU THINK WE WALKED HERE?
I DON'T KNOW. DRAMATIC EFFECT?
WHERE ARE WE EVEN GOING?
BACK TO THE HELLMOUTHS!
THEY WON'T FOLLOW US TO THE MORTAL PLANE!
HUFF
SO. HOW IS THIS ALL WORKING OUT FOR YOU, BLOODCARVER?
HUFF
I SURE AM GLAD YOU KIDNAPPED ME AGAIN!

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THIS ISN'T HOW THINGS WERE SUPPOSED TO GO!
DIS PATER, HE'S.. HE'S NOT USUALLY LIKE THIS!
OH SURE, HE SOUNDS LIKE A REAL SWEET GUY ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW HIM.
HE'S OUR LEADER!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HE'S OUR SAVIOR!
HE'S ALWAYS DONE WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ALL DRAGONS!
I WAS SO SURE HE'D LISTEN TO REASON!
WELL, I SAW HIM HOLD YOU DOWN AND PUT A BUNCH OF HOLES IN YOUR NECK.
SEEMS REAL REASONABLE TO ME!
NO, NO! YOU'RE NOT A DRAGON. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I UNDERSTAND PLENTY!!!

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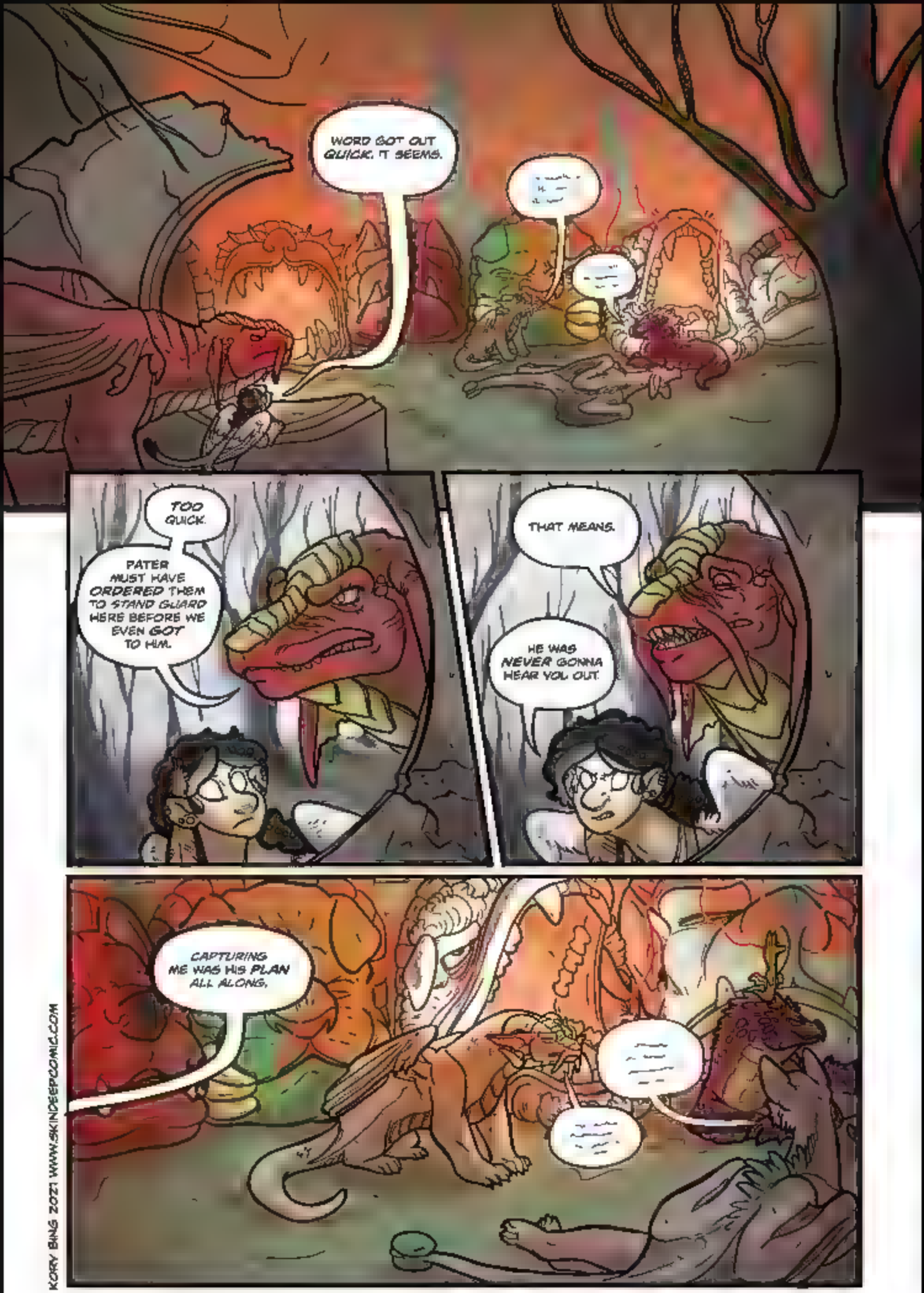
WORD GOT OUT QUICK. IT SEEMS.
TOO QUICK.
PATER MUST HAVE ORDERED THEM TO STAND GUARD HERE BEFORE WE EVEN GOT TO HIM.
THAT MEANS.
HE WAS NEVER GONNA HEAR YOU OUT.
CAPTURING ME WAS HIS PLAN ALL ALONG.

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I DON'T..
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT DIS PATER WOULD DO THIS.
CRAP! THE OTHERS ARE CATCHING UP!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
PRETTY SURE WE CAN'T JUST MAKE A RUN FOR IT.
WE NEED SOME IDEAS, PRONTO!
...
BLOODCARVER!
I'M THINKING!

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OKAY, IF I CAN DISTRACT THEM AWAY FROM THE HELLMOUTH AND THEN YOU CAN MAKE A RUN FOR IT.
IF YOU GET THROUGH, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THEY WON'T FOLLOW.
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUgh
MICHELLE?
WHAT'S WRONG!?
I DON'T .. I DON'T KNOW..
'M ALL WOOZY..
UMBLE
OOF!
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END OF CHAPTER 5!

WONDERLAND
SEPTEMBER, 1993
chapter six
by KORY BING '21
WE GOTTA GO BACK. JIMMY!
WE GOTTA FIND RUPERT!
HE- HE'S A JUBJUB BIRD!
HE LIVES HERE!
HE'LL BE FINE!
HE'S JUST A KID!
WE'RE JUST KIDS!
JIMMY!

WE BARELY ESCAPED AND NOW YOU WANNA GO BACK IN?
HE'S IN THERE BECAUSE OF US!
HE WARNED US NOT TO GO OFF THE PATHS!
WE GOTTA GO BACK!
WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE IS IN THERE WITH HIM!
EXACTLY!
WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE IS IN THERE?
JIMMY, WE GOTTA GO BACK!
I KNOW YOU DON'T ACTUALLY WANT TO JUST LEAVE YOUR LITTLE COUSIN LIKE THIS.
UGH. FINE.
FINE!
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WHEN WE FIND HIM, THE NEITHER OF YOU ARE GONNA TELL MUM OR UNCLE ROALD ABOUT THIS, OKAY?
WE CAN WORRY ABOUT GETTING IN TROUBLE LATER!
WHY CAN'T YOU SAY THOSE WORDS WHEN WE'RE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING FUN?!
RUSTLE
SWIP
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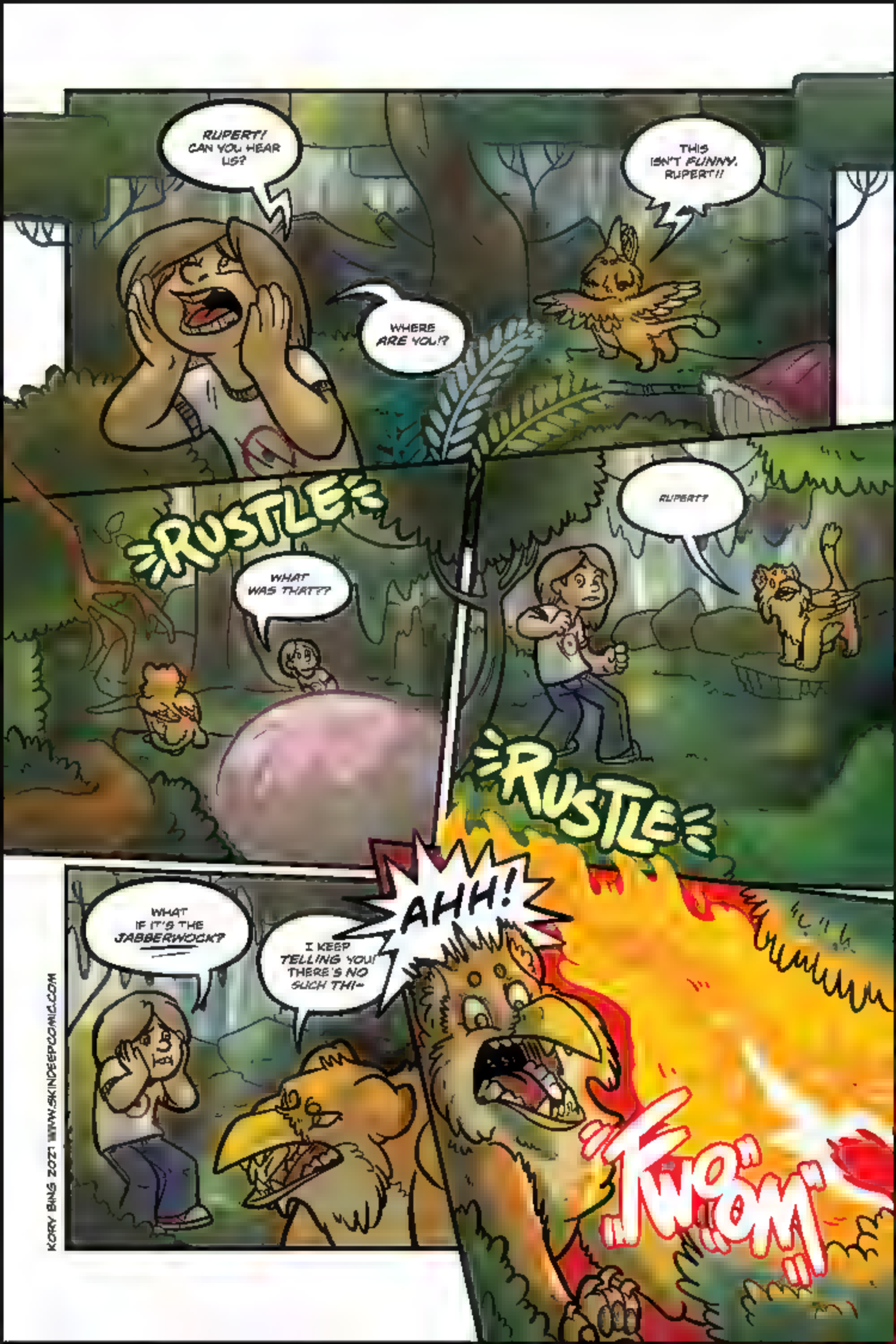
RUPERT! CAN YOU HEAR US??
RUPERT!! WHERE ARE YOU!?
PLEASE DON'T BE DEAD.
RUUUU PERRRRT!!
RUPERTT


RUPERT! CAN YOU HEAR US?
WHERE ARE YOU!?
THIS ISN'T FUNNY, RUPERT!!
RUSTLE
WHAT WAS THAT??
RUPERT?
RUSTLE
AHH!
WHAT IF IT'S THE JABBERWOCK?
I KEEP TELLING YOU! THERE'S NO SUCH THI-
"TWOOM"
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JABBERWOCK!
Bwarg!
JABBERWOCK!!!
RUN!
RUN!
RUN!
grrrrr...
JIMMY, HELP!!
RUPERT!?
RUN RUN UN WE'RE RUNNING
JIMMY!
RUPERT!
WE'RE COMING!
Roooar!
AHH!!
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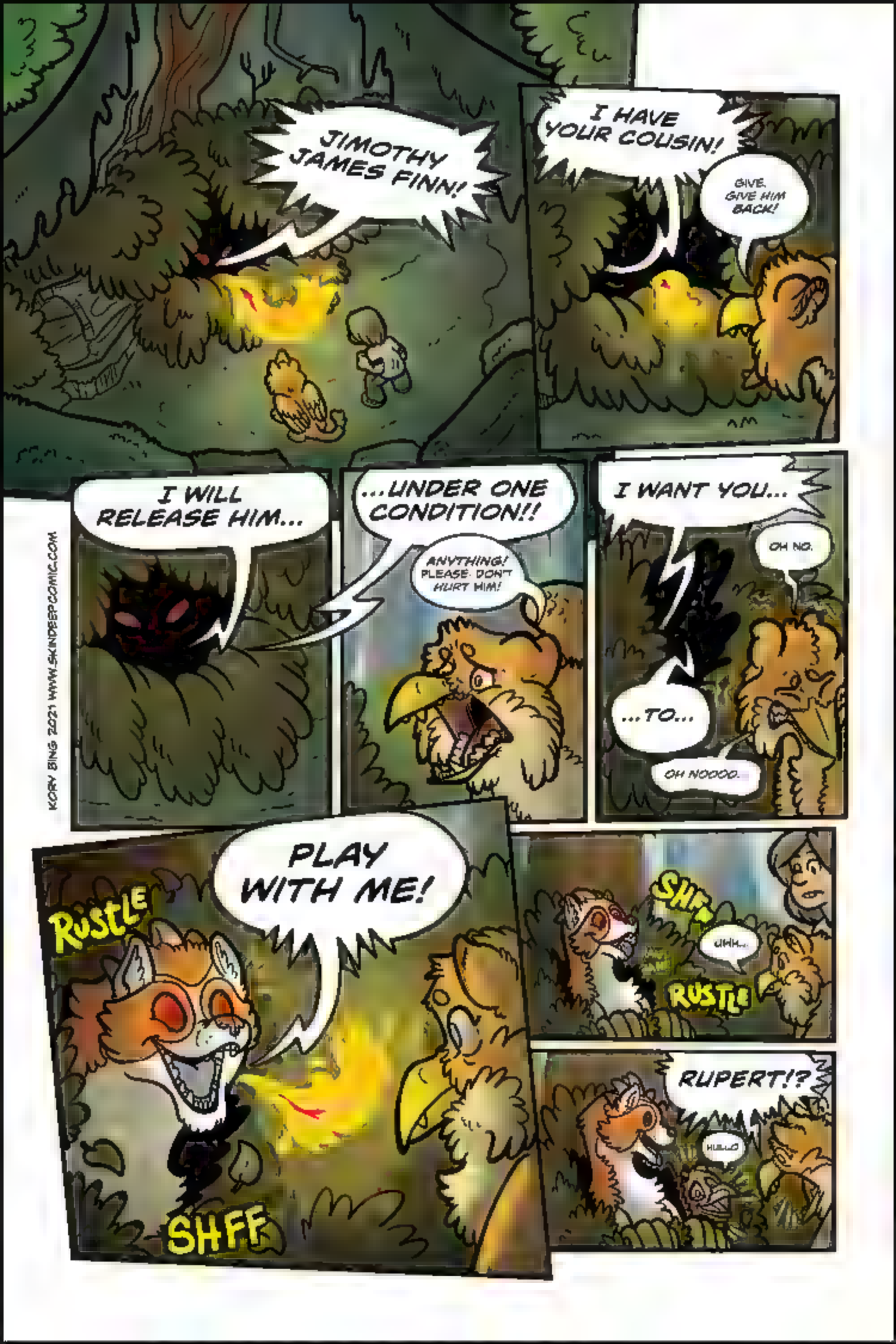
JIMOTHY JAMES FINN!
I HAVE YOUR COUSIN!
GIVE. GIVE HIM BACK!
I WILL RELEASE HIM...
...UNDER ONE CONDITION!!
ANYTHING! PLEASE. DON'T HURT HIM!
I WANT YOU...
OH NO.
...TO...
OH NOOOO.
PLAY WITH ME!
RUSTLE
SHFF
SHF
UHH...
RUSTLE
RUPERT!?
HELLO
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P...PLAY WITH YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT!
AND STOP BEING MEAN TO YOUR COUSIN!
HAVING FAMILY IS GREAT AND YOU'RE BEING SUCH A BULLY!
JIMMY, WHAT IS HAPPENING?
THAT DON'T LOOK LIKE NONE OF THOSE JABBERWOCK WHAT THOSE BLOKES IN TOWN SHOWED US.
JABBERWOCK!?
GAH
YOU THOUGHT I WAS A JABBERWOCK?
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
AIN'T NEVER SEEN A JABBERWOCK IN THESE WOODS!
THEY AIN'T REAL!
TOLD YOU.

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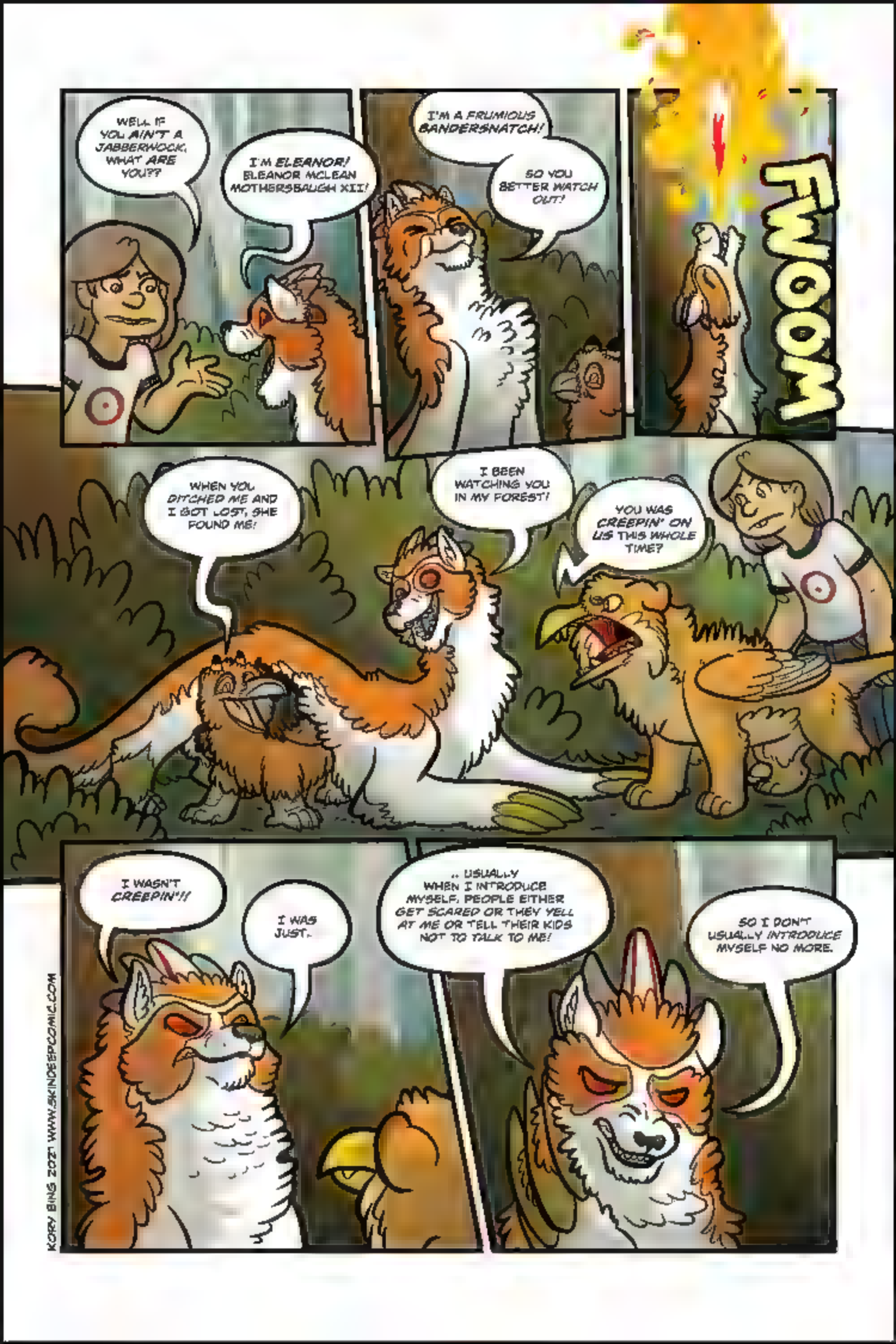
WELL IF YOU AIN'T A JABBERWOCK, WHAT ARE YOU??
I'M ELEANOR! ELEANOR MCLEAN MOTHERSBAUGH XII!
I'M A FRUMIOUS BANDERSNATCH!
SO YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!
FWOOM
WHEN YOU DITCHED ME AND I GOT LOST, SHE FOUND ME!
I BEEN WATCHING YOU IN MY FOREST!
YOU WAS CREEPIN' ON US THIS WHOLE TIME?
I WASN'T CREEPIN'!!
I WAS JUST..
.. USUALLY WHEN I INTRODUCE MYSELF, PEOPLE EITHER GET SCARED OR THEY YELL AT ME OR TELL THEIR KIDS NOT TO TALK TO ME!
SO I DON'T USUALLY INTRODUCE MYSELF NO MORE.
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WHAT?
WHY?
WELL, I'M A MONSTER AIN'T I?
RAWR!
GAH!
Stop.
BANDERSNATCHES DON'T GOT MEDALLIONS LIKE THE REST OF YOU, SO PEOPLE IN TOWN THINK I BELONG IN THE WOODS WITH THE OTHER BEASTS.
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
ARE WE JUST GOING TO IGNORE HOW SHE SCARED THE CRAP OUT OF US FOR A LAUGH!?
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT YOU WERE BEIN' SO MEAN TO YER COUSIN!
WE WANTED TO TEACH YOU A LESSON!
"WE?"
I.. I MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN ON IT!

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HONESTLY RUPERT...
... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD IT IN YOU!
YOU'RE... YOU'RE NOT MAD?
OH, I'M FURIOUS!
BUT ALSO IMPRESSED!
LISTEN, HOW'S ABOUT I MAKE YOU A DEAL!
IF YOU DON'T TELL YER DAD THAT I TOOK YOU INTO THE WOODS-
-I WON'T TELL HIM THAT YOU PRETENDED TO BE A JABBERWOCK WITH SOME STRANGER BANDERSNATCH.
I AIN'T A STRANGER!
I'M ELEANOR!
ELEANOR MCLEAN MOTHERSBAUGH!
THE TWELFTH!
THAT'S QUITE A NAME.
THANKS!
I PICKED IT MYSELF!

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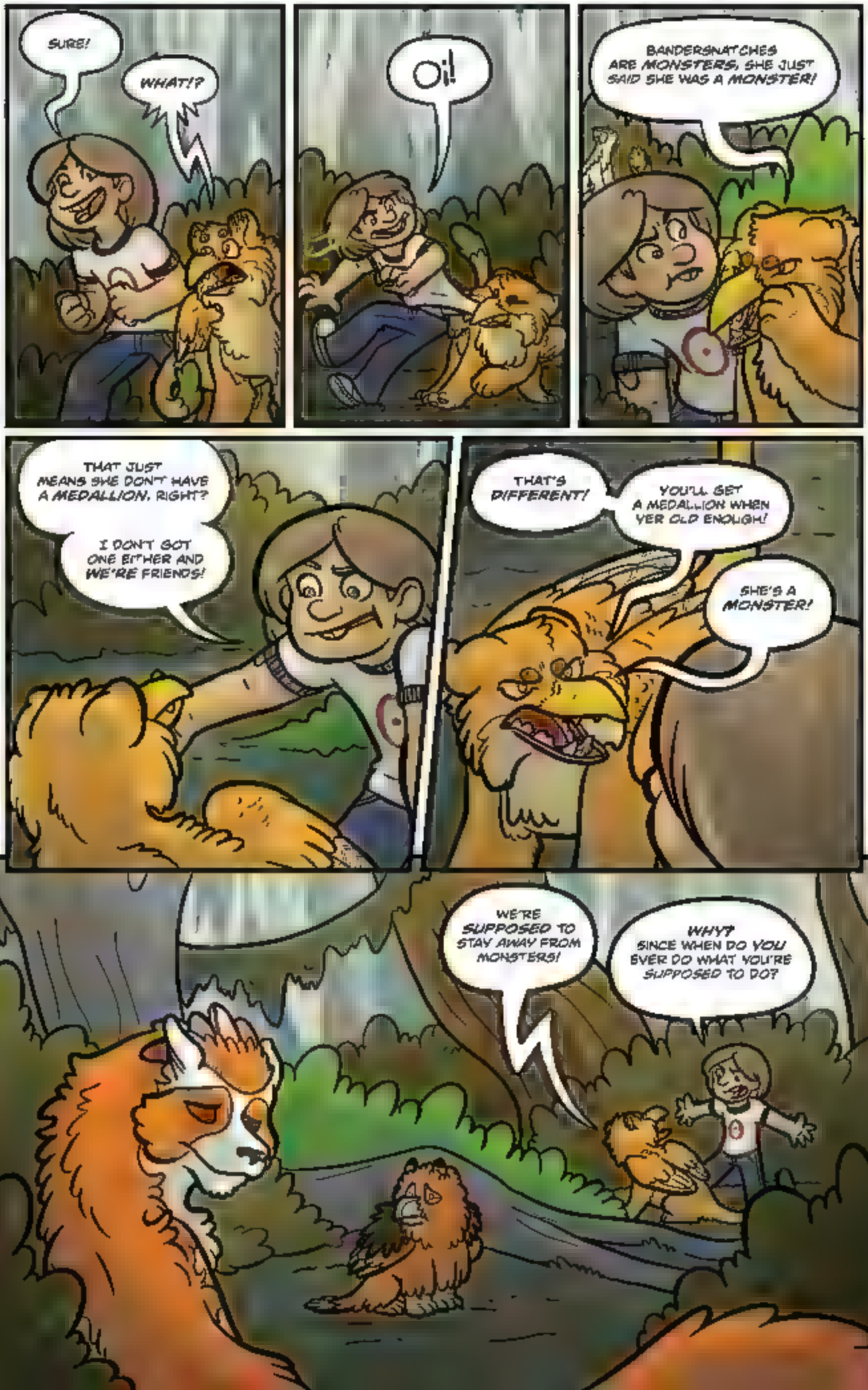
SURE!
WHAT!?
Oi!
BANDERSNATCHES ARE MONSTERS, SHE JUST SAID SHE WAS A MONSTER!
THAT JUST MEANS SHE DON'T HAVE A MEDALLION, RIGHT?
I DON'T GOT ONE EITHER AND WE'RE FRIENDS!
THAT'S DIFFERENT!
YOU'LL GET A MEDALLION WHEN YER OLD ENOUGH!
SHE'S A MONSTER!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY AWAY FROM MONSTERS!
WHY? SINCE WHEN DO YOU EVER DO WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO?
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IT'S JUST HOW THINGS ARE!
MONSTERS ARE DANGEROUS, EVERYBODY SAYS SO!
BUT WHY?
THEY'RE SCARY, AND CAN HURT US!
MY BROTHER IS SCARIER THAN SHE IS. AND HE'S ALLOWED OVER TO YOUR HOUSE!
WHY'S IT DIFFERENT JUST CUZ HE'S GOT A MEDALLION?
THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS!!
NO, I UNDERSTAND
I'M USED TO IT.
IT WAS NICE TO MEET YOU, RUPERT.
DON'T LET THEM BE MEAN TO YOU NO MORE, OKAY?
WAIT!

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STAY WITH US!
I DON'T CARE WHAT ME DA OR AUNT MARY SAY!
VER NICE TO ME AND I LIKE YOU!
RUPERT, YOU KNOW WE CAN'T!
LISSEN HERE, JIMMY!
ALL YOU'VE DONE TODAY IS TELL ME I SHOULD BREAK THE RULES TO HAVE FUN.
ELEANOR IS FUN!
I WANNA BE FRIENDS!
REALLY?
SHE CAN PROBABLY HELP US GET OUT OF THE WOODS, JIMMY
OH SURE, I KNOW WHERE ALL THE PATHS ARE!
SEE!?

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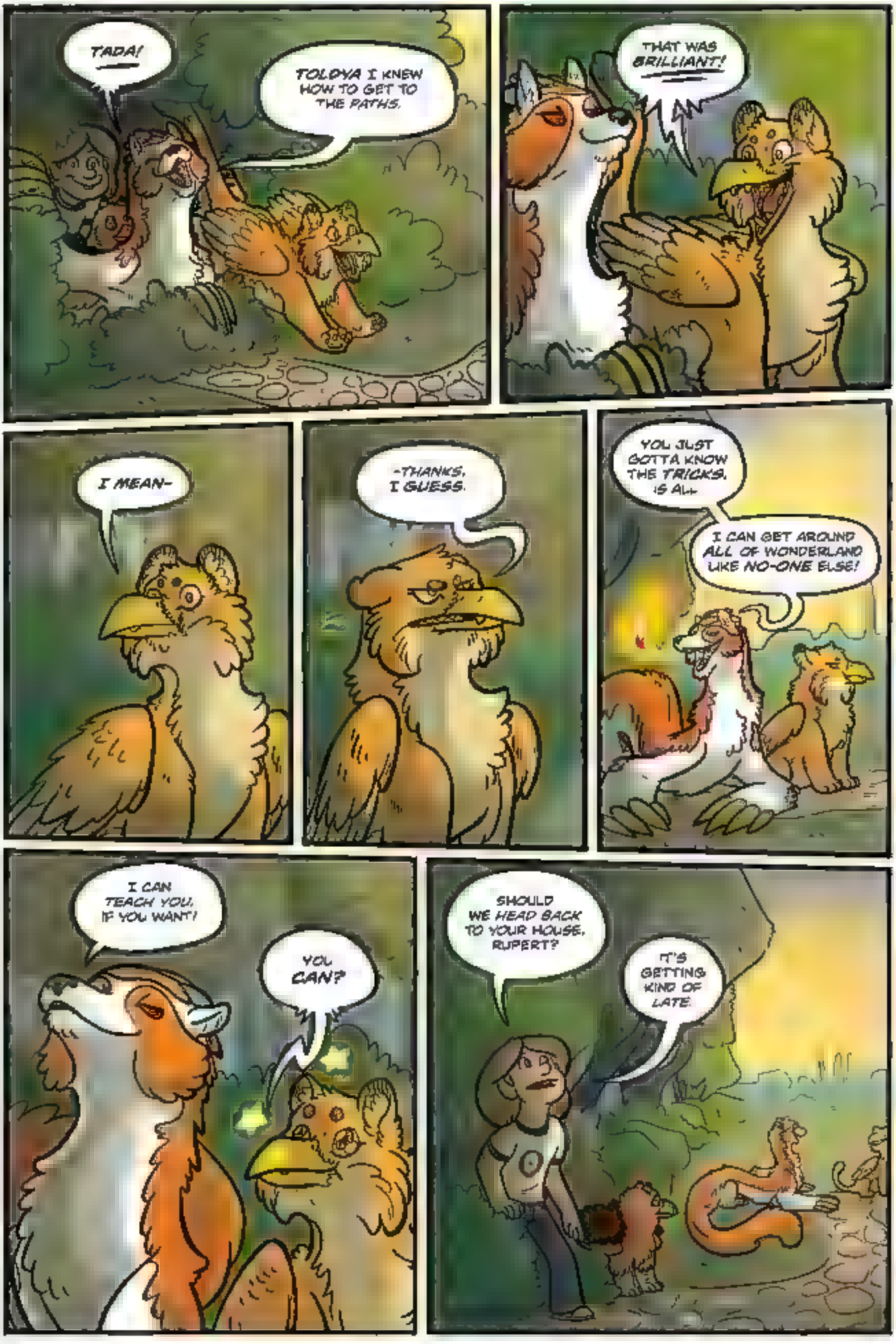
FINE.
FINE!!
SHE CAN GET US OUT OF HERE, BUT THAT'S IT!
I CAN WORK WITH THAT!
FOLLOW ME, CHUMS!

AH HAH!


TADA!
TOLDYA I KNEW HOW TO GET TO THE PATHS.
THAT WAS BRILLIANT!
I MEAN–
–THANKS, I GUESS.
YOU JUST GOTTA KNOW THE TRICKS, IS ALL.
I CAN GET AROUND ALL OF WONDERLAND LIKE NO-ONE ELSE!
I CAN TEACH YOU, IF YOU WANT!
YOU CAN?
SHOULD WE HEAD BACK TO YOUR HOUSE, RUPERT?
IT'S GETTING KIND OF LATE.

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ELEANOR, COME WITH US!
REALLY? ARE YOU SURE?
NO!
WE CAN'T!
UNCLE ROALD IS GONNA KNOW FOR SURE THAT WE LEFT THE PATHS IF WE COME HOME WITH A BANDERSNATCH!
WE'LL GET IN SO MUCH TROUBLE!
I...
I DON'T CARE!
I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS.
WE CAN VISIT HER IN THE WOODS AND NOBODY HAS TO KNOW WE'RE FRIENDS WITH A MONSTER!
WE'RE FRIENDS??
HM! WELL...
I'LL ADMIT, YOU AIN'T LIKE WHAT MUM AND DA SAY ABOUT MONSTERS.
YOU'RE DIFF'RENT!

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I DON'T WANNA HIDE HER, JIMMY!
DAD WILL UNDERSTAND THAT SHE'S A NICE MONSTER!
DO YOU WANNA COME TO MY HOUSE, ELEANOR?
I'VE NEVER BEEN INTO THE TOWN BEFORE..
..I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT THE INSIDE OF A HOUSE LOOKS LIKE.
HOORAY!
IT'S SETTLED, THEN!
..IF WE GET INTO TROUBLE, I'M BLAMING IT ALL ON YOU.
JIMMY.
THAT'S FINE!
FOLLOW ME, ELEANOR!

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HEY NO FAIR, NO FAIR!
I DON'T KNOW THE CONTROLS!
HOW DO YOU THROW AN ITEM?
A-BUTTON!
AHH! THAT MADE ME BRAKE!
I SAID A-BUTTON!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! WHAT KIND OF MAGIC IS THIS?
THIS ISN'T ANY FUN WHEN YOU HAVEN'T ANY THUMBS
IT AIN'T MAGIC, ELEANOR!
IT'S CALLED VIDEO GAMES!
UUUGGHH!!! CAN WE PLEASE DO SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T NEED THUMBS TO BE FUN??
AFTER THIS GAME, JIMMY!
YOU SAID THAT LAST GAME!!

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WELL THIS 'S AN UNTENABLE SITUATION.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT THIS?
SHE HASN'T ANY FAMILY, ROALD!
LOOK AT HER. SHE CAN'T BE MUCH OLDER THAN RUPERT, AND ALL BY HERSELF?
HOW HAS SHE EVEN SURVIVED THIS LONG IN THE TULGEY WOOD?
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY MARY, BUT YOU KNOW SHE CAN'T STAY HERE!
THE NEIGHBORS WOULD TALK. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS!
IF ANYONE AROUND HERE SEES A BANDERSNATCH OUT OF THE WOOD, THEY'LL FLIP!
I KNOW. I KNOW. YOU'RE RIGHT.

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I HAVEN'T SEEN JIMMY AND RUPERT GET ALONG SO WELL IN AGES.
BUT LOOK AT THEM, ROALD.
JIMMY'S ALWAYS SUCH A LITTLE TERROR.
IT'S THAT BANDERSNATCH THAT'S A TERROR
GIVE HER TIME AND SHE'LL BURN THE WHOLE HOUSE DOWN.
ROALD...
THEY'RE MONSTERS FOR A REASON, MARY!
EVERYONE KNOWS THEY CAN'T BE TRUSTED!
SHE'S JUST A CHILD, ROALD. SHE HAS TIME TO GROW UP AND NOT BE A DANGER LIKE THE ADULTS ARE.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING HOW LONELY RUPERT IS, AND HOW YOU WISH HE'D FIND A FRIEND.
NOT A BANDERSNATCH!
THE
GO

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WE'RE TO "SHUN THE FRUMIOUS BANDERSNATCH!"
YOU KNOW JUST AS WELL AS I DO!
THAT'S JUST A POEM, ROALD!
IT'S NOT HER FAULT EVERYONE HERE HAS DECIDED TO TAKE IT AS SOME SORT OF INSTRUCTION MANUAL.
IT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS!
THEY BREATHE FIRE, MARY!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I LEFT WONDERLAND IN THE FIRST PLACE.
YES, YOU LEFT!
I'M STILL HERE, AND I HAVE TO KEEP LIVING HERE!
IF I LET MY CHILD BE FRIENDS WITH A MONSTER, HE'LL BE OSTRACIZED BY THE ENTIRE TOWN!

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ROALD...
NO!
I'M PUTTING MY FOOT DOWN!
THIS IS MY HOME, MY SON, AND MY DECISION!
RUPERT!
I NEED TO TALK TO—
CAN ELEANOR STAY FOR DINNER TONIGHT, DA?
SHE SAID SHE'S NEVER HAD FISH AND CHIPS!
YES I HAVE!
I HAVE FISH A LOT!
I CATCH THEM IN THE RIVER ALL THE TIME!
THIS IS DIFF'RENT!!

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SORRY DA', WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY?
I WAS JUST...
I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY THAT ELEANOR IS WELCOME TO STAY HERE AS LONG AS SHE NEEDS TO.
REALLY!?
O-ONLY IF YOU'RE SURE, MR. RUPERT'S DAD..
JUST .. JUST STAY INSIDE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
WE DON'T NEED THE NEIGHBORS STARTING RUMORS.
OH, THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU, FATHER!

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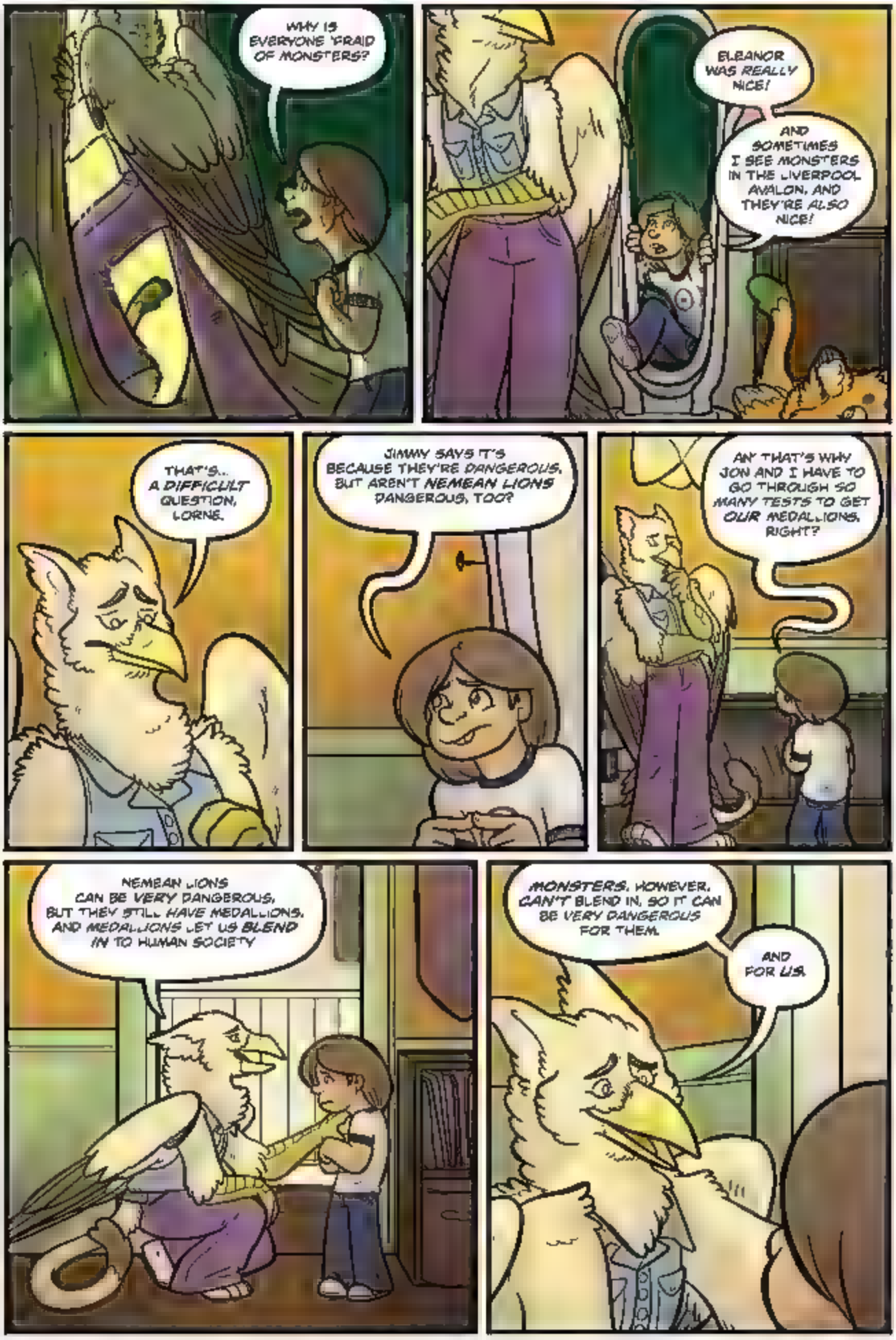
WHY IS EVERYONE 'FRAID OF MONSTERS?
ELEANOR WAS REALLY NICE!
AND SOMETIMES I SEE MONSTERS IN THE LIVERPOOL AVALON, AND THEY'RE ALSO NICE!
THAT'S.. A DIFFICULT QUESTION, LORNE.
JIMMY SAYS IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE DANGEROUS, BUT AREN'T NEMEAN LIONS DANGEROUS, TOO?
AN' THAT'S WHY JON AND I HAVE TO GO THROUGH SO MANY TESTS TO GET OUR MEDALLIONS, RIGHT?
NEMEAN LIONS CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS, BUT THEY STILL HAVE MEDALLIONS, AND MEDALLIONS LET US BLEND IN TO HUMAN SOCIETY
MONSTERS, HOWEVER, CAN'T BLEND IN, SO IT CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR THEM.
AND FOR US.

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SO IF ELEANOR HAD A MEDALLION.
.. PEOPLE WOULD LIKE HER AND OTHER BANDERSNATCHES?
BUT THERE WILL NEVER BE BANDERSNATCH MEDALLIONS!
BUT IF SHE DID HAVE ONE, ALL HER PROBLEMS WOULD GO AWAY, RIGHT?
THAT'S.
.. A LOVELY IDEA, LORNE.
BUT IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND MORE AS YOU GET OLDER.
FOR NOW, YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY YOURSELF OVER THESE THINGS.
IF YOU SAY SO, MISSUS FINN.

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ALRIGHT COME 'EAD, LET'S GET YOU AND JIMMY TO BED.
YOU TWO HAD A BIG DAY
CAN WE HAVE ICE CREAM BEFORE BED?
HAH!
ABSOLUTELY NOT YOUNG MAN.
COMING, LORNE?
BE RIGHT THERE!
THE END!
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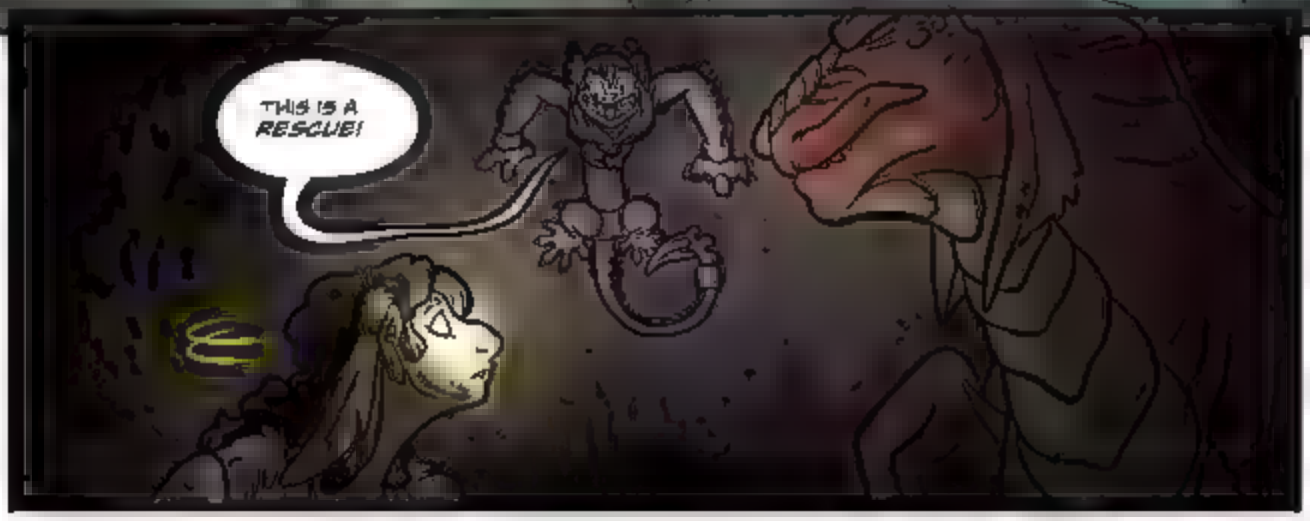

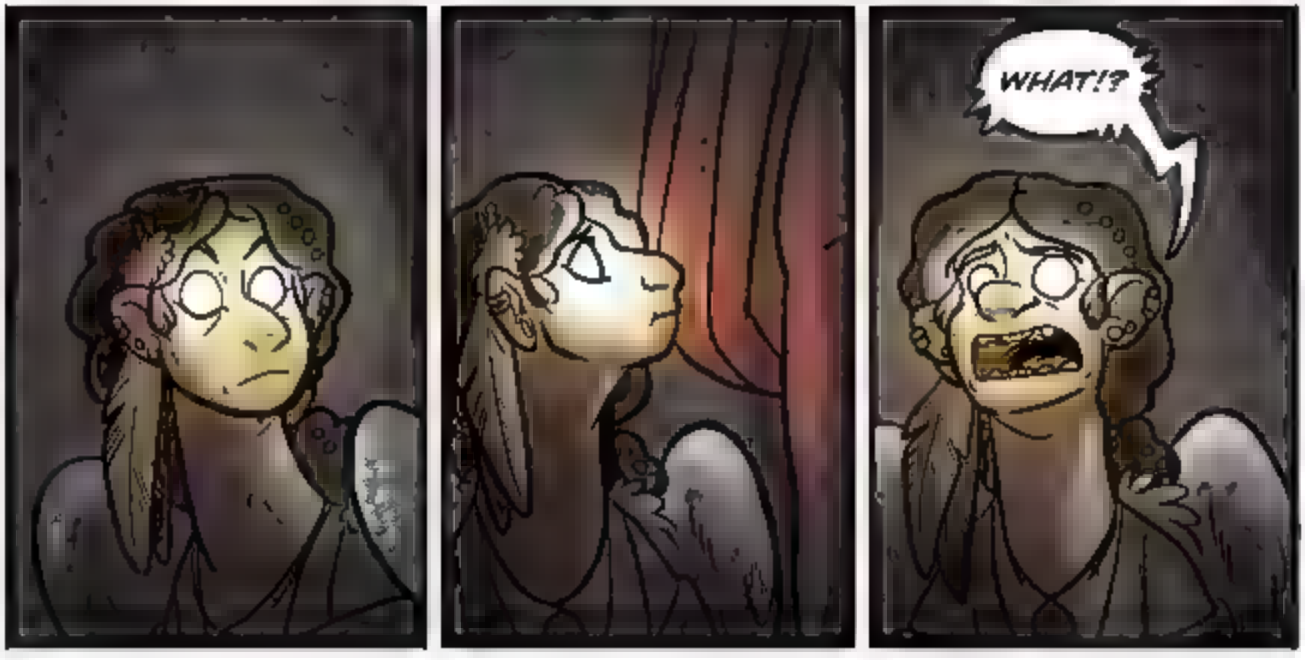

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RELEASE US, DEMON!
SLAM
CRUNCH
UUNGH!
OOP!
I WOULDN'T DO THAT, BIG GUY!
I'M USING HER POWER TO KEEP THIS DOME INTACT-
-SO THE MORE YOU DAMAGE IT THE MORE ENERGY I GOTTA USE TO FIX IT!

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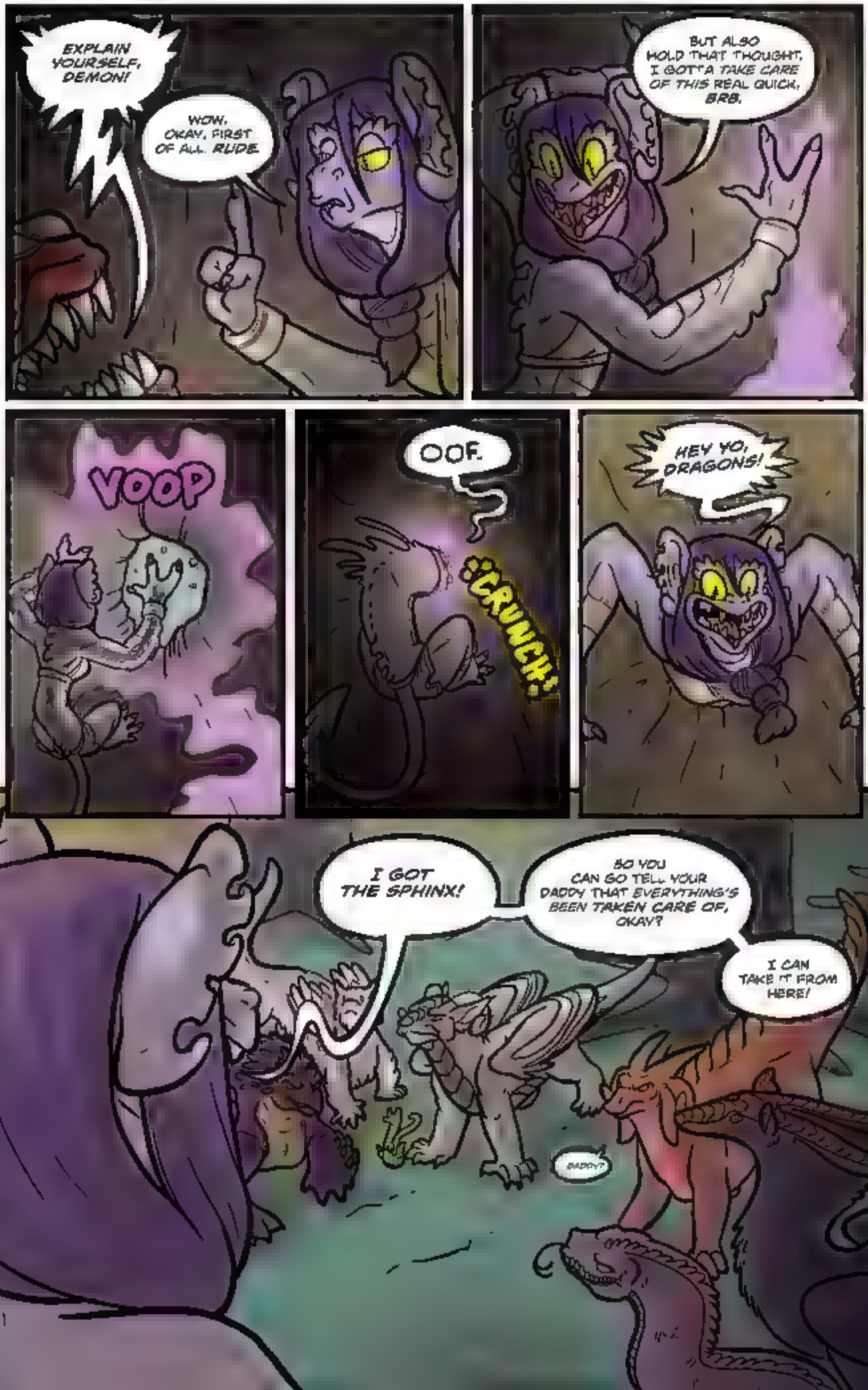
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, DEMON!
WOW, OKAY, FIRST OF ALL. RUDE.
BUT ALSO HOLD THAT THOUGHT, I GOTTA TAKE CARE OF THIS REAL QUICK, BRB.
VOOP
OOF.
CRUNCH!
HEY YO, DRAGONS!
I GOT THE SPHINX!
SO YOU CAN GO TELL YOUR DADDY THAT EVERYTHING'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF, OKAY?
I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE!
DADDY?
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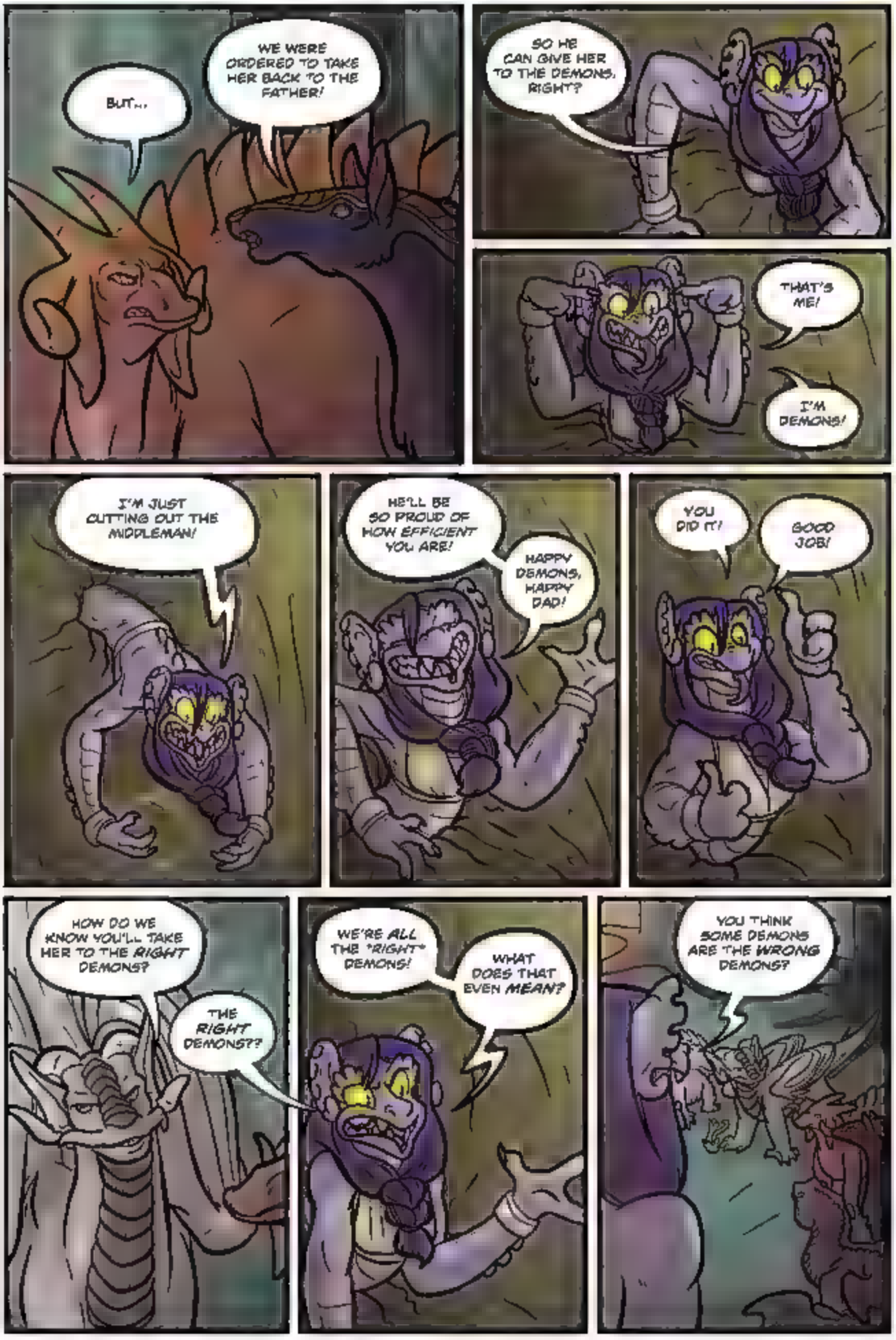
BUT...
WE WERE ORDERED TO TAKE HER BACK TO THE FATHER!
SO HE CAN GIVE HER TO THE DEMONS, RIGHT?
THAT'S ME!
I'M DEMONS!
I'M JUST CUTTING OUT THE MIDDLEMAN!
HE'LL BE SO PROUD OF HOW EFFICIENT YOU ARE!
HAPPY DEMONS, HAPPY DAD!
YOU DID IT!
GOOD JOB!
HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'LL TAKE HER TO THE RIGHT DEMONS?
THE RIGHT DEMONS??
WE'RE ALL THE "RIGHT" DEMONS!
WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
YOU THINK SOME DEMONS ARE THE WRONG DEMONS?

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SHOO ALREADY!
YOU WANT I SHOULD TELL MY SUPERIORS THAT A BUNCH OF STINKIN' DRAGONS KEPT ME FROM GIVING THEM THE SPHINX?
Y'ALL DID GOOD!
DO YOU WANT A PAT ON THE HEAD OR SOMETHING?
GO!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN
.. WHO YOU SERVE?

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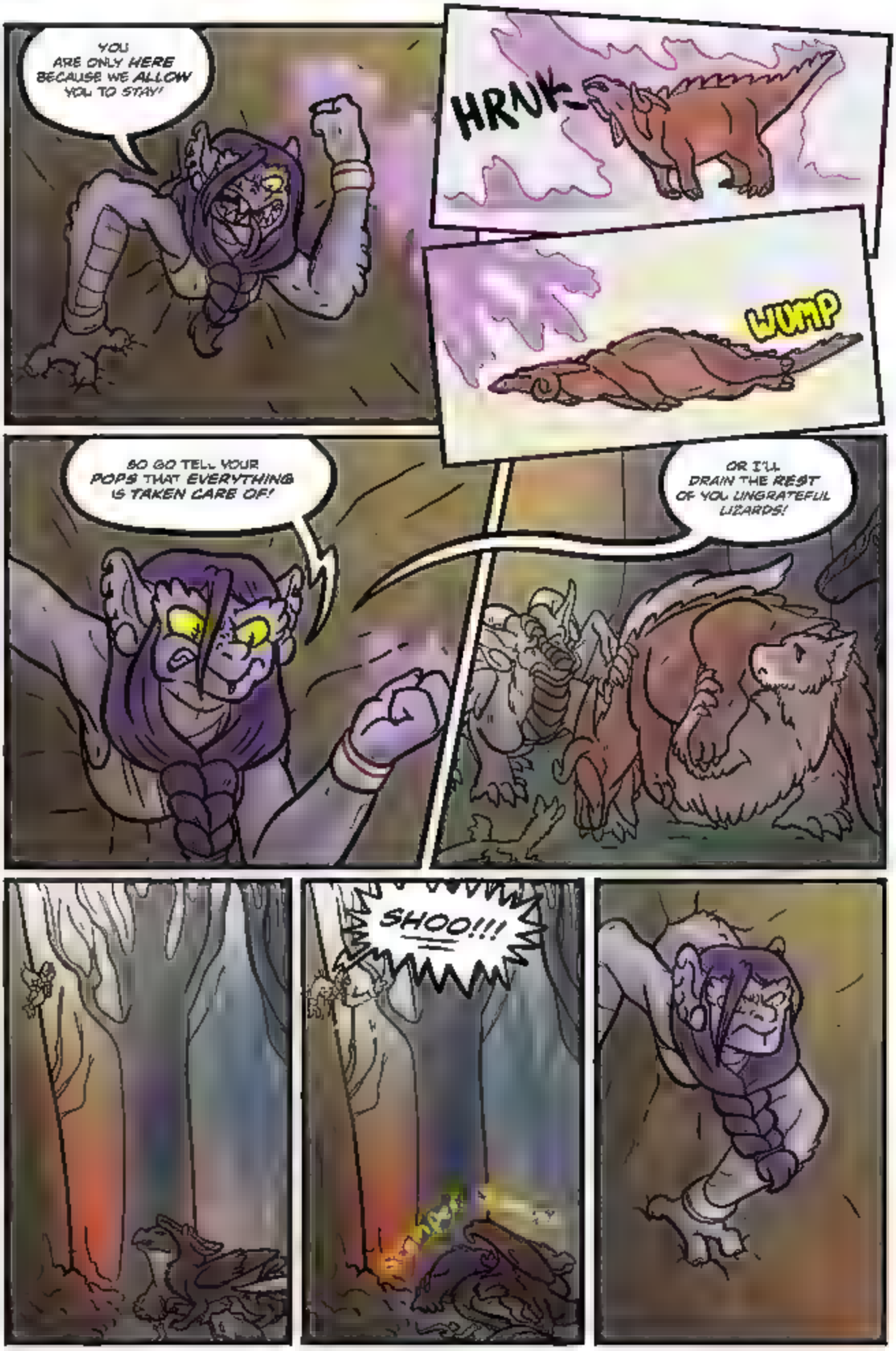
YOU ARE ONLY HERE BECAUSE WE ALLOW YOU TO STAY!
HRUK-
WUMP
SO GO TELL YOUR POPS THAT EVERYTHING IS TAKEN CARE OF!
OR I'LL DRAIN THE REST OF YOU UNGRATEFUL LIZARDS!
SHOO!!!

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FRIGGIN' OVERGROWN BATTERIES.
OKAY I'M BACK!
YOU DON'T GOTTA WORRY ABOUT THEM NO MORE!
WE WILL NOT GO WITH YOU!
HUP.
ST STAY BACK!!
JEEZE LOUISE, I SAVE ALL Y'ALLS LIVES AND THIS IS HOW I GET REPAID??
ONLY TO IMPRISON US FURTHER!
I DON'T WANT TO BE A HELL BATTERY!
NAH, I GOT A BETTER PLAN.
C'MON, LET'S GET YOU TWO OUTTA THIS HELLHOLE.
..WHAT?
YOU WHAT?

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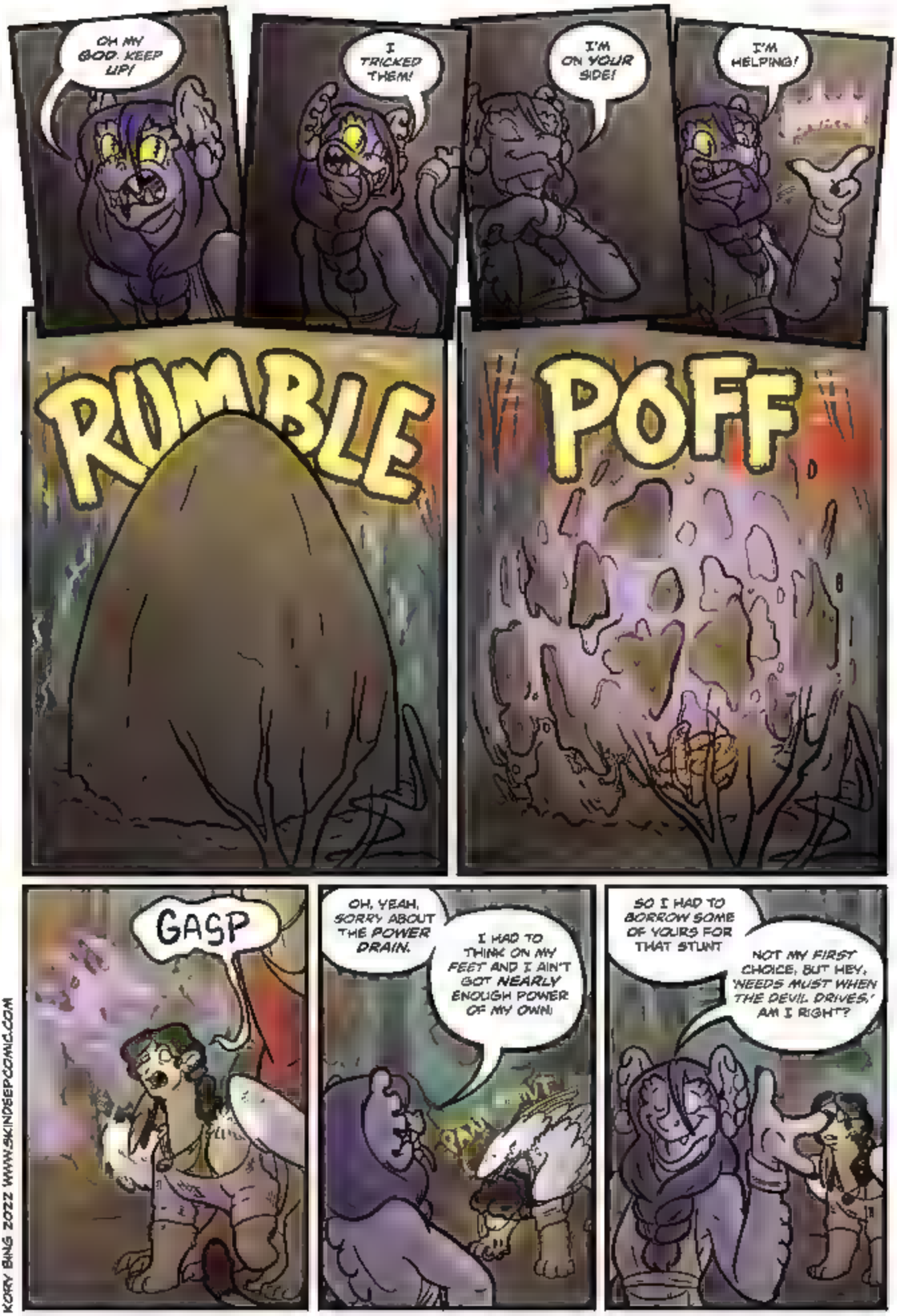
OH MY GOD. KEEP UP!
I TRICKED THEM!
I'M ON YOUR SIDE!
I'M HELPING!
RUMBLE
POFF
GASP
OH, YEAH, SORRY ABOUT THE POWER DRAIN.
I HAD TO THINK ON MY FEET AND I AIN'T GOT NEARLY ENOUGH POWER OF MY OWN!
SO I HAD TO BORROW SOME OF YOURS FOR THAT STUNT
NOT MY FIRST CHOICE, BUT HEY, 'NEEDS MUST WHEN THE DEVIL DRIVES,' AM I RIGHT?

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BUT WHY HELP US?
YOU'RE A DEMON!
I ONLY JUST SAVED YOUR LIVES. BUT OKAY FINE.
LOOK THIS GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH, I GUESS.
WHY WOULD YOU GO AGAINST YOUR FELLOW DEMONS TO HELP US?
WOW.
THIS SURE IS TEACHING ME TO NEVER STICK MY NECK OUT FOR ANYONE EVER AGAIN.
SOME THANKS I'M GETTING.
YOU KNOW THE SORT OF TROUBLE I CAN GET IN IF ANY OF MY LOT FINDS OUT WHAT I'M DOING RIGHT NOW?
NO!
WE DON'T KNOW!
WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU!
WHO EVEN ARE YOU!?
OH!

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JUST WHERE ARE MY MANNERS?
HELLO. MY NAME IS VERA AND I HATE IT HERE.
LOOK, WE DON'T EXACTLY GOT ALL DAY HERE. I'M LITERALLY YOUR ONLY HOPE OF MAKING IT OUT OF THIS PLACE.
SO YOU CAN EITHER ACCEPT MY HELP...
OR YOU CAN STAY HERE FOR HOWEVER LONG IT IS A SPHINX LIVES, WHICH I THINK MIGHT BE FOREVER??
'CUZ YOU AIN'T GETTING OUTTA HERE WITHOUT ME!
CAN'T WE JUST USE THE HELLMOUTH OVER THERE. NOW THAT THE DRAGONS ARE GONE?

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THAT WAS THE PLAN, SHORT-STACK. BUT LOOKS LIKE I GOTTA GO WITH PLAN B.
POINT YOUR PEEPERS OVER YONDER!
LOOKS LIKE THE DRAGONS CLOSED THE HELLMOUTHS WHEN THEY LEFT
IT'S LIKE THEY DIDN'T TRUST ME OR SOMETHING!
CAN'T YOU JUST OPEN ONE?
PFFT
WHAT?
HAHA. NO WAY. I AIN'T NEARLY POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR THAT.
BUT WHAT IF YOU USE MY POWER?
OH, I CAN USE YOUR ENERGY TO DO STUFF I CAN'T NORMALLY DO.
.. BUT I CAN'T TAKE NEARLY ENOUGH TO OPEN AN UNAUTHORIZED HELLMOUTH ALL BY MYSELF.
WHAT I DID TO THAT HONKING DRAGON WAS A BLUFF.

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CAN'T YOU OPEN A HELLMOUTH, BLOODCARVER?
WE CAN ONLY OPEN THE HELLMOUTHS OUT HERE WITH DIS PATER'S APPROVAL, AND I THINK WE KNOW WHERE I STAND WITH HIM AT PRESENT
WELL, VERA, IF YOU CAN'T GET US BACK TO THE MORTAL PLANE, WHAT CAN YOU DO?
IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING WITH YOU TWO, AIN'T IT?
JUST TRUST ME, I GOT PLANS!
I WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUST YOU!
YOU DO ONE THING TO HELP US BY STEALING MY .. MY LIFE FORCE AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD?
OOOOOHHHH.
I GET IT.

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OF COURSE YOU KNOW BEST, MISS SPHINX.
YOU TAKE ONE LOOK AT THIS MESS AND YOU ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME. IS THAT IT?
WHAT?
NO!
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU!
WHY'S THERE GOTTA BE SOMETHING IN IT FOR ME?
CAN'T I JUST WANT TO HELP OUTTA THE GOODNESS OF MY HEART?
OKAY. YEAH. I AIN'T BUYIN' THAT EITHER.

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LISTEN.
I JUST WANT OUT OF THIS LITERAL HELLHOLE, OKAY?
IF I GET YOU OUTTA HERE, YOU GOTTA TAKE ME WITH YOU.
WHAT??
NO!
I'M NOT BRINGING A DEMON BACK TO EARTH!
WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU'D DO!
I AIN'T GONNA DO NOTHIN'!
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED, BUT I DON'T EXACTLY HAVE A LOT OF POWER HERE!
I GOTTA STEAL IT IF I WANNA DO ANYTHING!
I'M AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PECKING ORDER AND IT BLOWS!
SO I WANT.
OUT.

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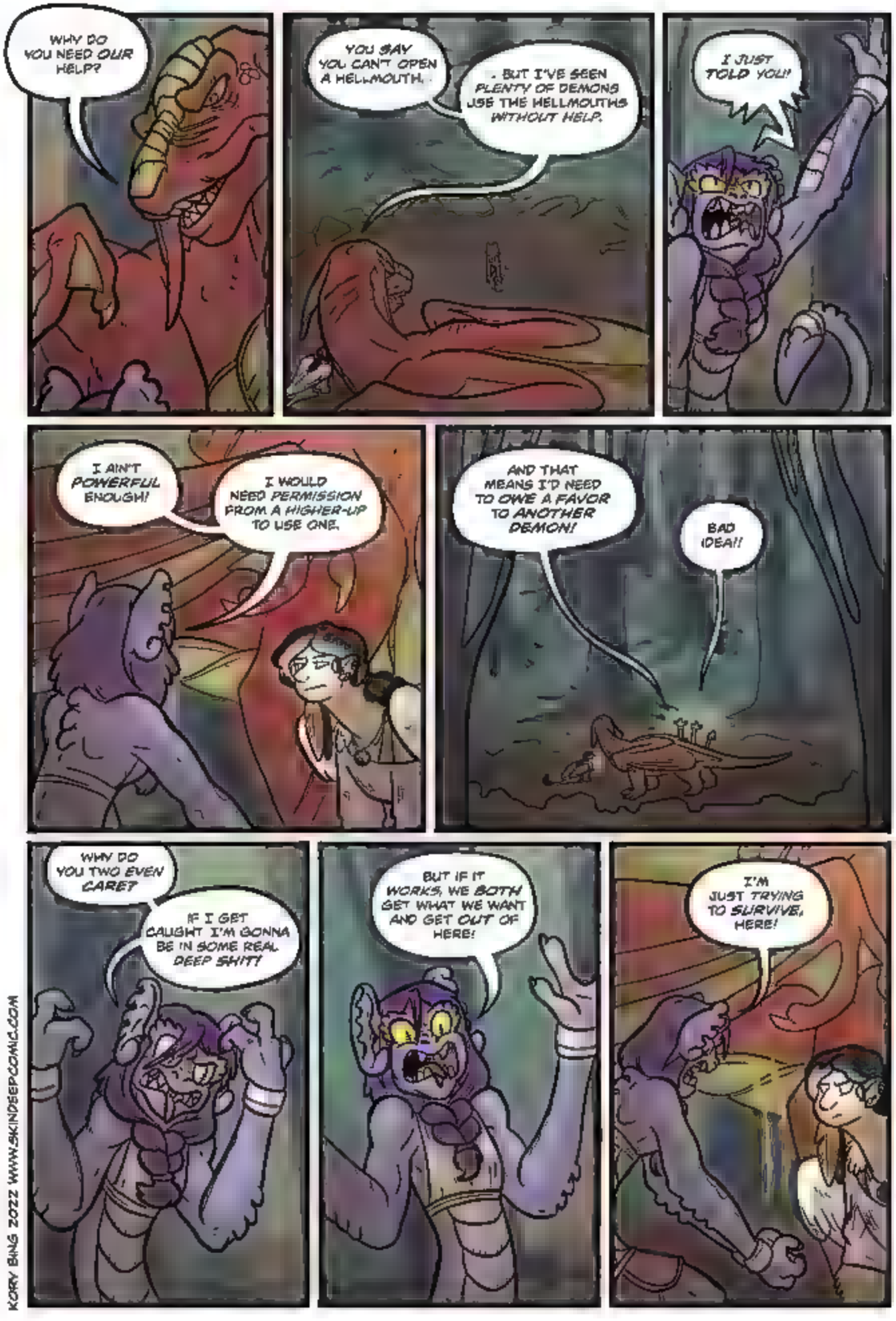
WHY DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?
YOU SAY YOU CAN'T OPEN A HELLMOUTH.
. BUT I'VE SEEN PLENTY OF DEMONS USE THE HELLMOUTHS WITHOUT HELP.
I JUST TOLD YOU!
I AIN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH!
I WOULD NEED PERMISSION FROM A HIGHER-UP TO USE ONE.
AND THAT MEANS I'D NEED TO OWE A FAVOR TO ANOTHER DEMON!
BAD IDEA!!
WHY DO YOU TWO EVEN CARE?
IF I GET CAUGHT I'M GONNA BE IN SOME REAL DEEP SHIT!
BUT IF IT WORKS, WE BOTH GET WHAT WE WANT AND GET OUT OF HERE!
I'M JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE, HERE!

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YOU TWO ARE LUCKY I'M EVEN HERE AND TRYING TO HELP!
ALTHOUGH I GUESS YOU'RE USED TO OPPORTUNITIES JUST FALLING IN YOUR LAP, AIN'T YOU?
Hey!
SOME SUPER POWERFUL MAGICAL CHOSEN ONE LIKE YOU?
COVERED IN EXPENSIVE GOOD LUCK CHARMS AS YOU ARE.
I BET YOU GET YOUR WAY ALLLL THE TIME.
EXCUSE ME?
I'M CURRENTLY IN HELL BECAUSE I WAS KIDNAPPED BY DRAGONS WHO WANT TO USE ME AS A BATTERY.
HOW, IS THAT LUCKY?
AND YET, HERE I AM.
ABOUT TO BUST YOU OUTTA HERE!

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NO MATTER WHAT KINDA SCRAP YOU FIND YOURSELF IN, I BET YOU ALWAYS END UP JUST FINE, YEAH?
MEANWHILE, I GOTTA SCRAMBLE EVERY MOMENT OF MY LIFE JUST TO STAY OUTTA DANGER.
SO HOWS ABOUT YOU STOP JUDGING ME BECAUSE OF WHAT I AM FOR A HOT SECOND AND GIVE ME THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, OKAY?
-UOOO
OKAY
SAY WE BELIEVE YOU-
-WHICH WE DON'T-
-HOW CAN WE ESCAPE IF WE CAN'T GET OUT THE WAY WE CAME IN?
WHAT YOU THINK THE RIM HELLMOUTHS ARE THE ONLY WAY OUTTA HERE?
NAH, WE GOTTA HEAD TO THE CITY!

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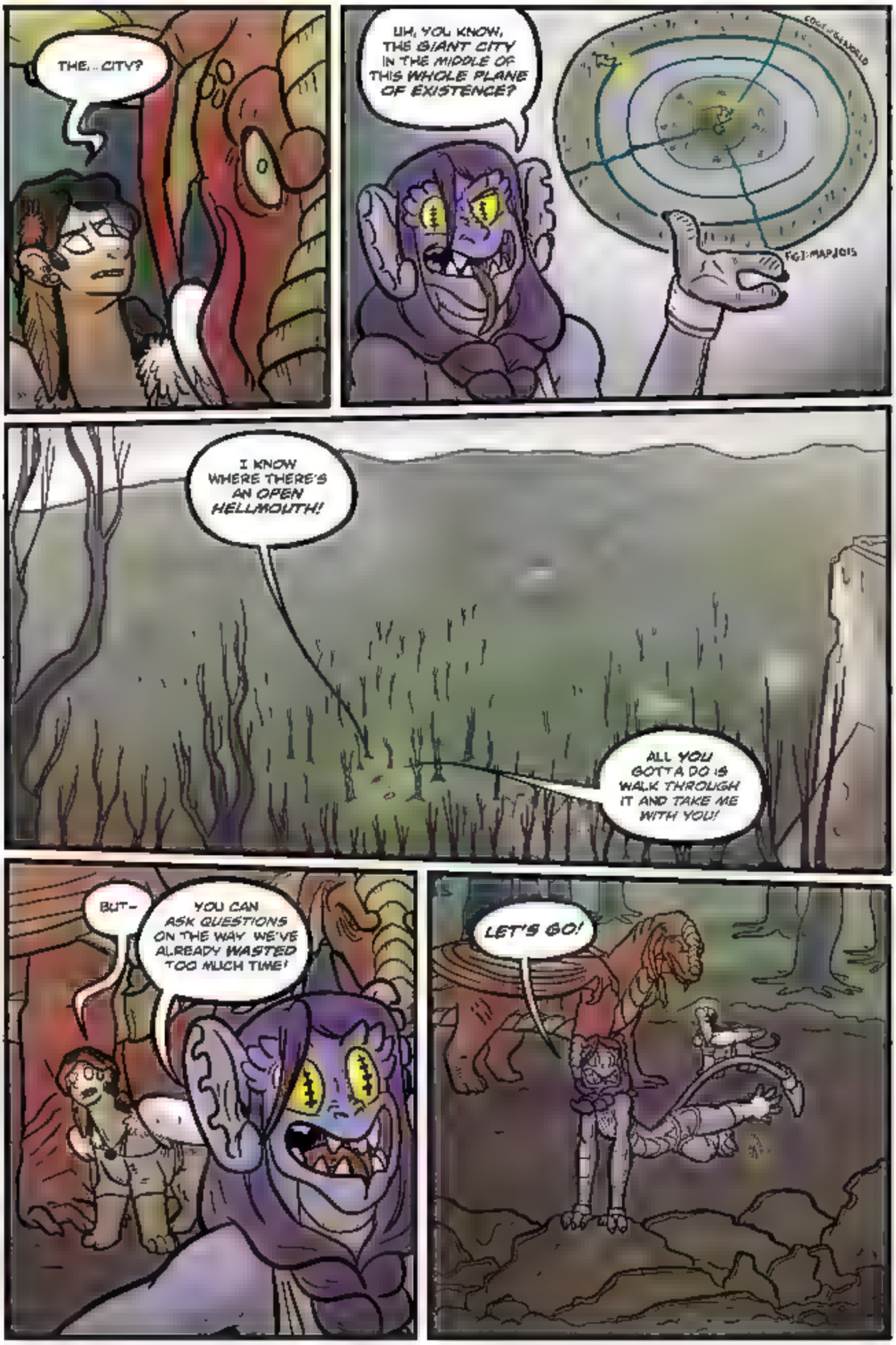
THE... CITY?
UH, YOU KNOW, THE GIANT CITY IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS WHOLE PLANE OF EXISTENCE?
EDGE of the WORLD
FG1: MAP/GIS
I KNOW WHERE THERE'S AN OPEN HELLMOUTH!
ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS WALK THROUGH IT AND TAKE ME WITH YOU!
BUT-
YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ON THE WAY WE'VE ALREADY WASTED TOO MUCH TIME!
LET'S GO!

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WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY GOING TO FOLLOW HER, ARE WE?
WELL.. I MEAN.
DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS ON HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE?
NO, BUT..
WELL..
SHRUG
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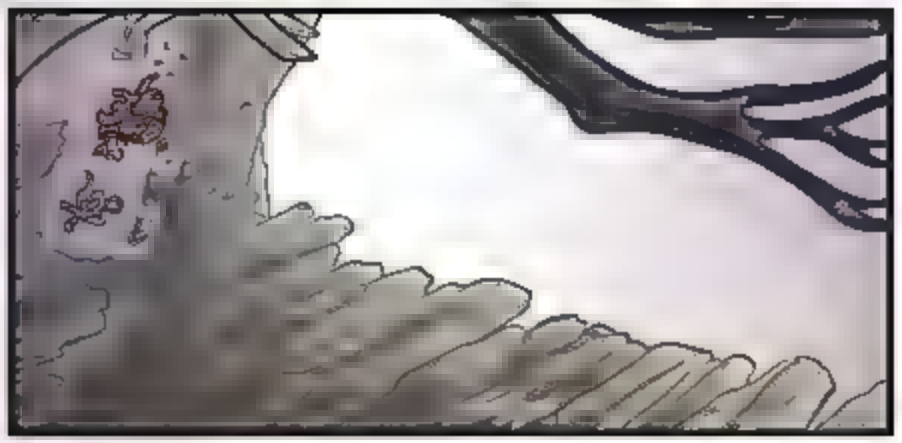

OH, ARE WE HERE ALREADY?
IT LOOKED FARTHER AWAY FROM A DIST
PFHAHAHA!
WHAT? YOU THINK THIS IS DIST?
THAT'S CUTE
WE'RE JUST LEAVING LIMBO, THE FIRST CIRCLE
C'MON, WE STILL GOT A TREK

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ARE THERE GATES LIKE THIS BETWEEN EVERY UH. "CIRCLE"?
YEAH, BUT THIS IS THE BIGGEST.
KEEPS THE RIFF-RAFF FROM LIMBO OUTTA OUR HAIR.
BRACE YERSELVES.
HUH?

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I THOUGHT THERE WASN'T ANY WIND OR AIR OR WHATEVER DOWN HERE!
BLOODCARVER SAID IT'S WHY WE CAN'T FLY!
THAT'S HOW IT IS IN LIMBO, BUT EACH RING HAS IT'S OWN SET OF RULES.
SECOND CIRCLE IS ALL FULL OF WIND AND STUFF
SOMETHING ABOUT YEARNING AND NEVER BEING ABLE TO REST. OR WHATEVER.
I WOULDN'T TRY FLYING JUST BECAUSE YOU TECHNICALLY CAN, THOUGH.
DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D EVER LAND.
ACTUALLY YOU SHOULD PROBABLY USE THAT FANCY MEDALLION AND LOOK HUMAN FOR NOW.
I DON'T EXPECT TO SEE ANY OTHER DEMONS OUTSIDE OF DIS, BUT...
YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO ADVERTISE THAT YOU'RE A FRIGGIN' SPHINX OUT HERE, YOU KNOW?
FINE.
ALL RIGHT! LET'S KEEP ON TRUCKING.

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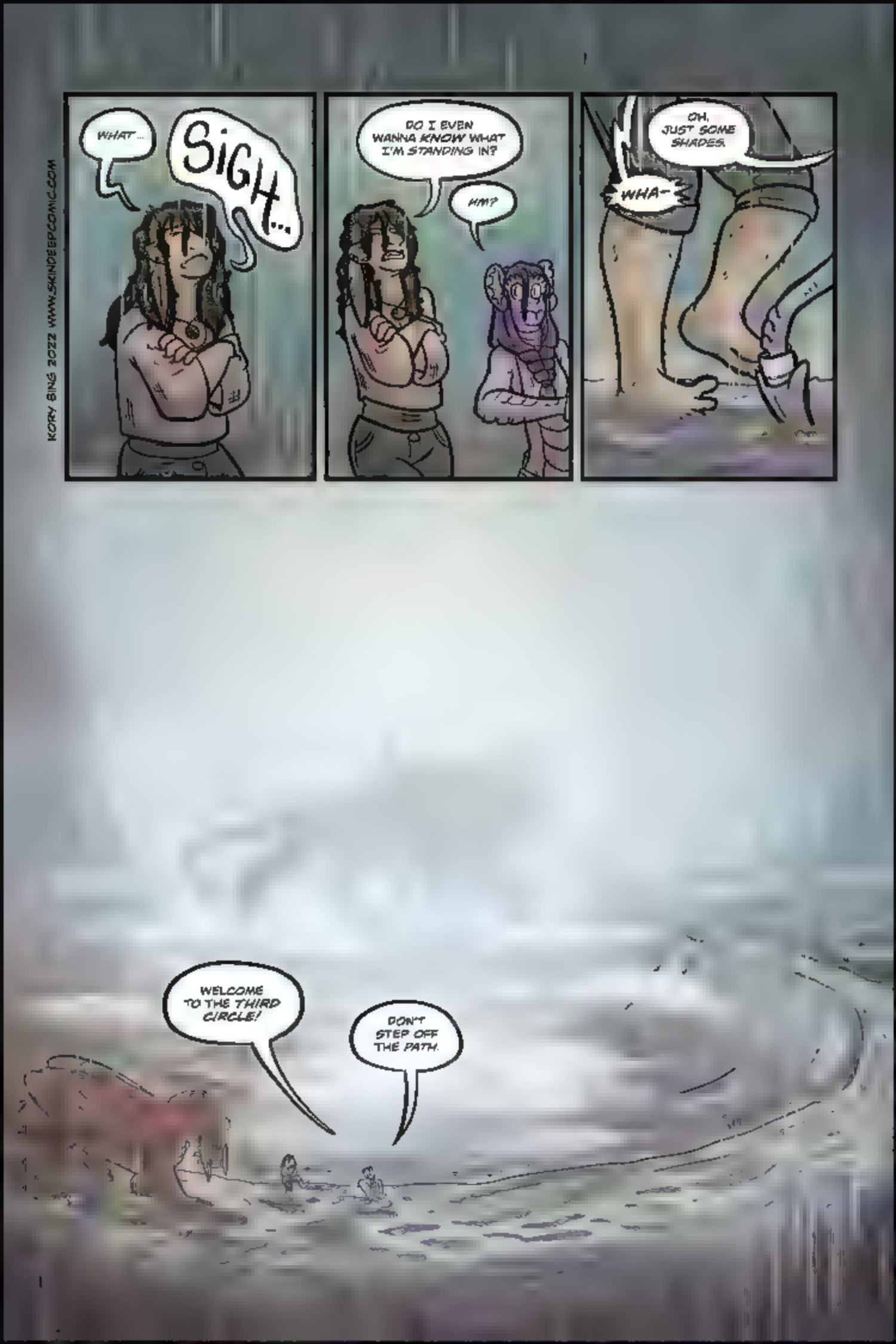
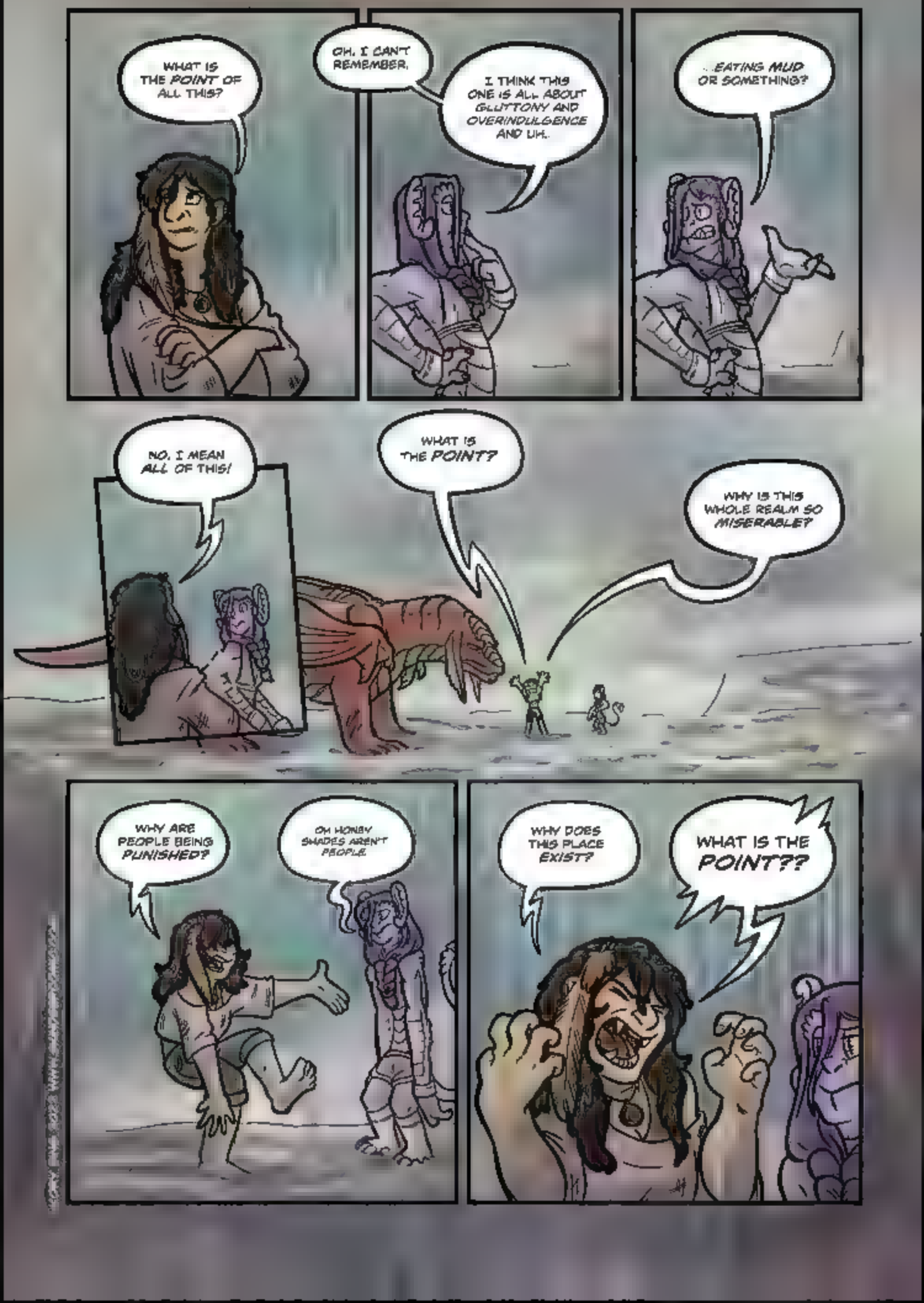
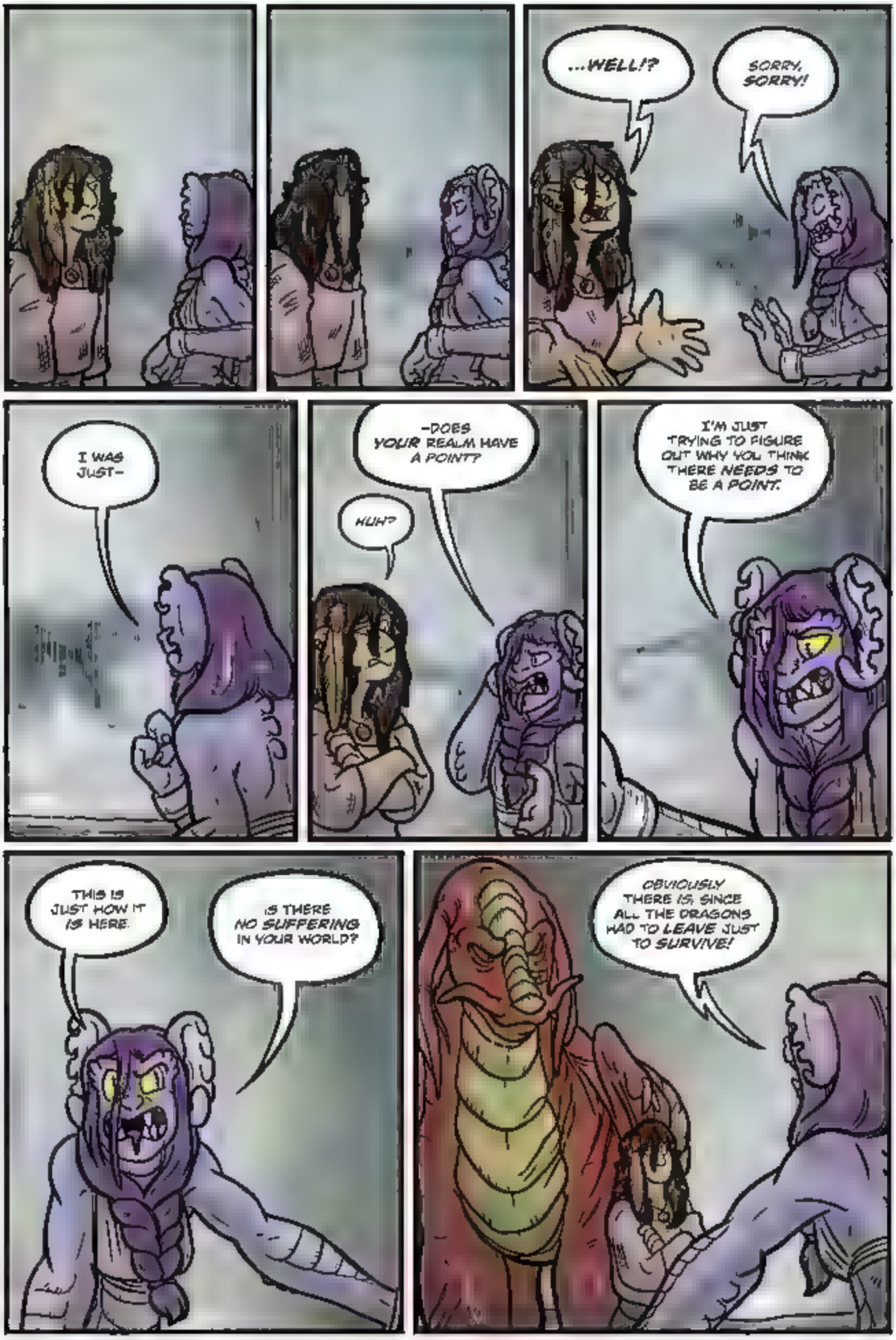



WHAT IS THE POINT OF ALL THIS?
OH, I CAN'T REMEMBER.
I THINK THIS ONE IS ALL ABOUT GLUTTONY AND OVERINDULGENCE AND UH.
...EATING MUD OR SOMETHING?
NO, I MEAN ALL OF THIS!
WHAT IS THE POINT?
WHY IS THIS WHOLE REALM SO MISERABLE?
WHY ARE PEOPLE BEING PUNISHED?
OH HONEY SHADES AREN'T PEOPLE
WHY DOES THIS PLACE EXIST?
WHAT IS THE POINT??


...WELL!?
SORRY, SORRY!
I WAS JUST–
–DOES YOUR REALM HAVE A POINT?
HUH?
I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY YOU THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A POINT.
THIS IS JUST HOW IT IS HERE.
IS THERE NO SUFFERING IN YOUR WORLD?
OBVIOUSLY THERE IS, SINCE ALL THE DRAGONS HAD TO LEAVE JUST TO SURVIVE!

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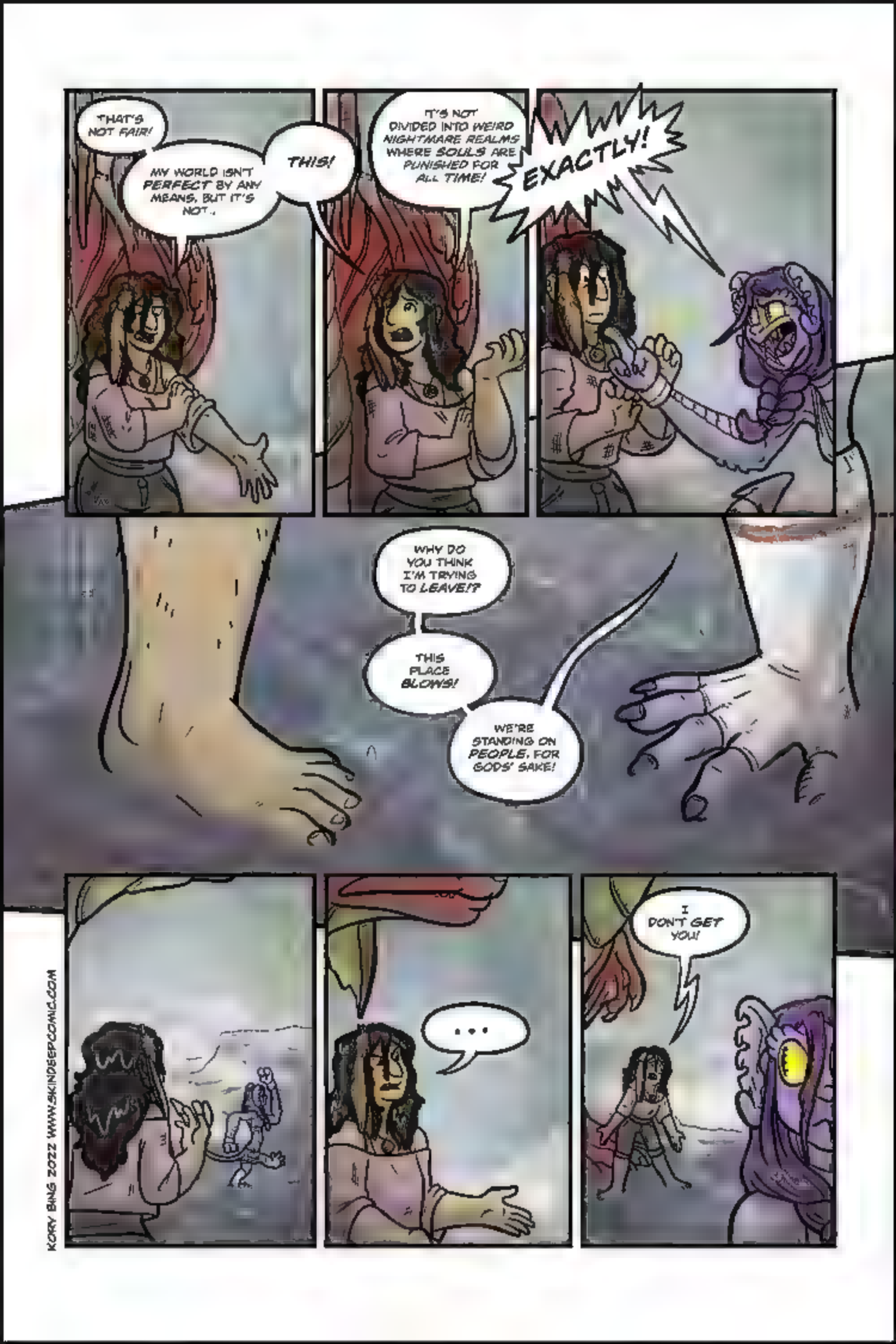
THAT'S NOT FAIR!
MY WORLD ISN'T PERFECT BY ANY MEANS, BUT IT'S NOT.
THIS!
IT'S NOT DIVIDED INTO WEIRD NIGHTMARE REALMS WHERE SOULS ARE PUNISHED FOR ALL TIME!
EXACTLY!
WHY DO YOU THINK I'M TRYING TO LEAVE!?
THIS PLACE BLOWS!
WE'RE STANDING ON PEOPLE, FOR GODS' SAKE!
...
I DON'T GET YOU!
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YOU DON'T NEED TO GET ME!
ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS I'M HELPING YOU GET OUT OF HERE!
AT GREAT PERSONAL EXPENSE TO MYSELF, I REMIND YOU!
SO HOWS ABOUT WE STOP DEBATING EXISTENTIAL PHILOSOPHY AND GET MOVING!
I HAVE FULLY LOST CONTROL OF MY LIFE.
I'M SURE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT'S LIKE.
NOW CAN WE KEEP WALKING?
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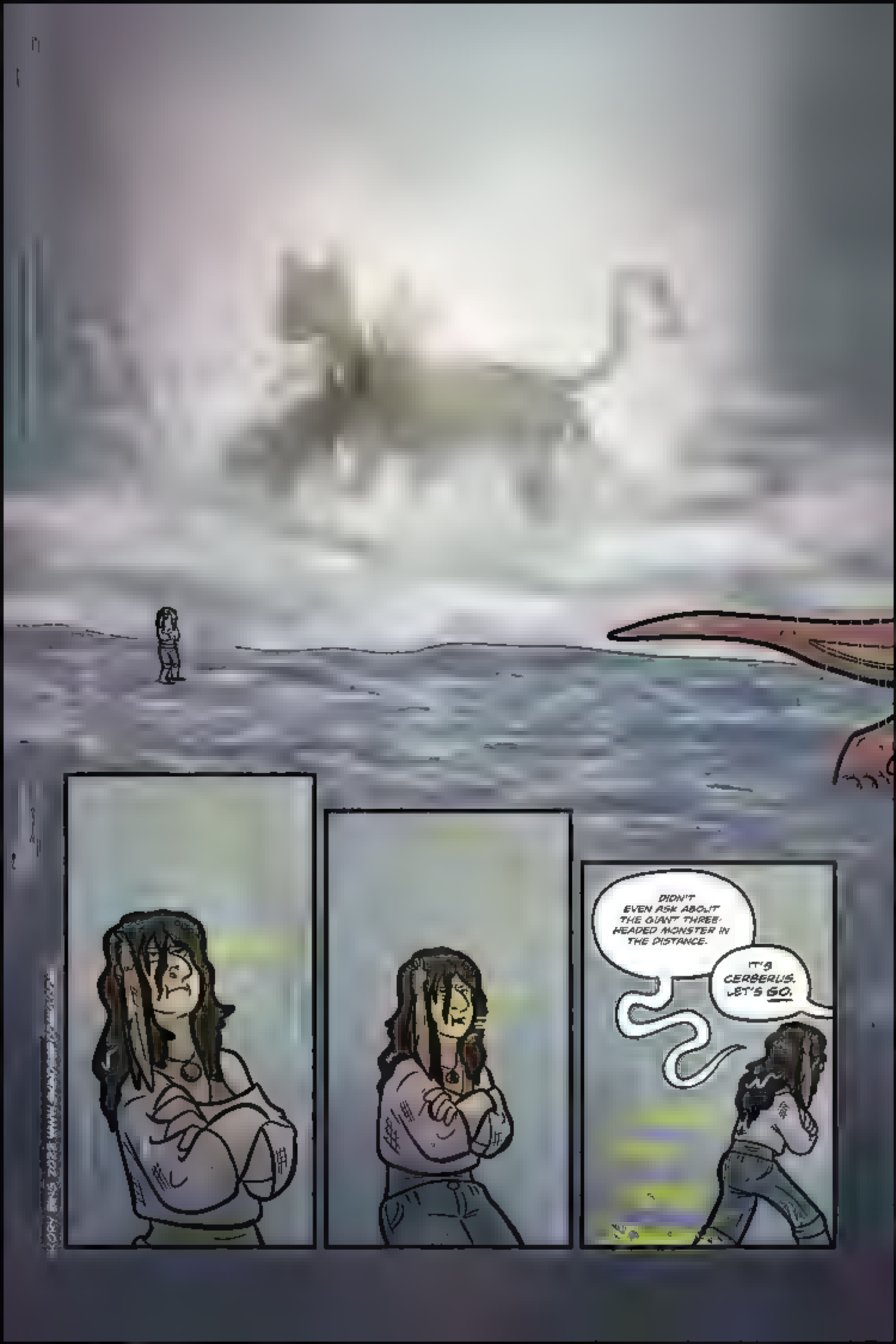
DIDN'T EVEN ASK ABOUT THE GIANT THREE-HEADED MONSTER IN THE DISTANCE.
IT'S CERBERUS. LET'S GO.

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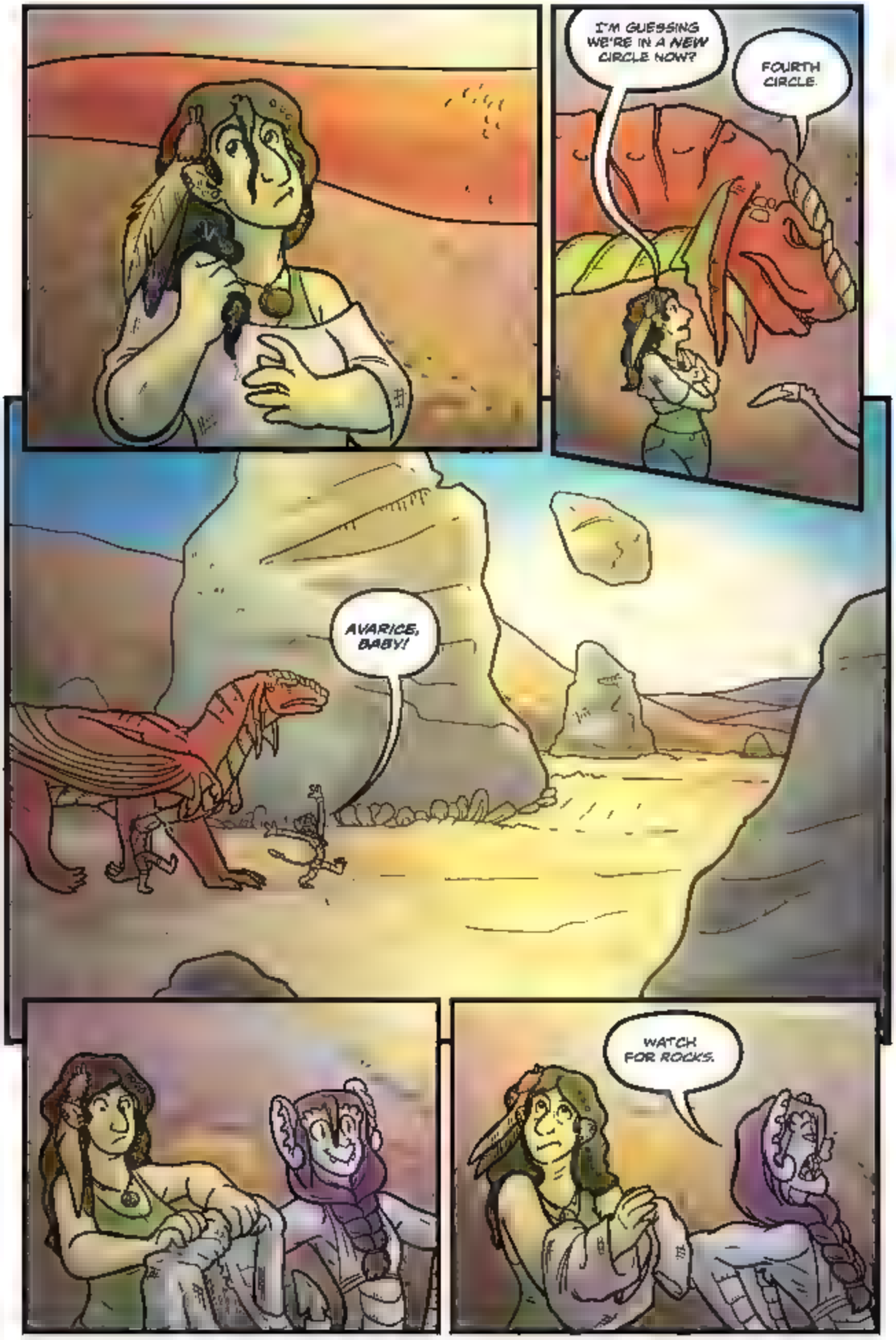
SORRY, SHADES.
SORRY!!
OPE
NOW WHAT?



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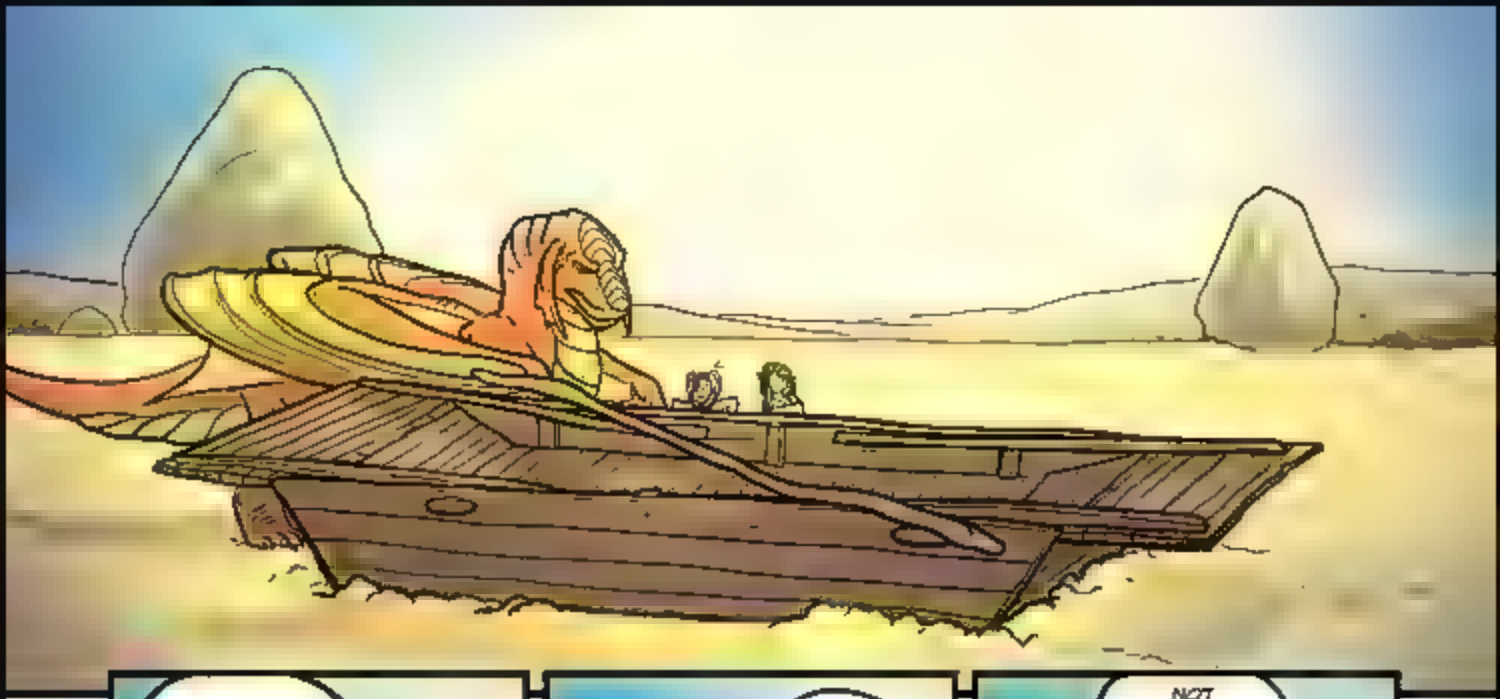

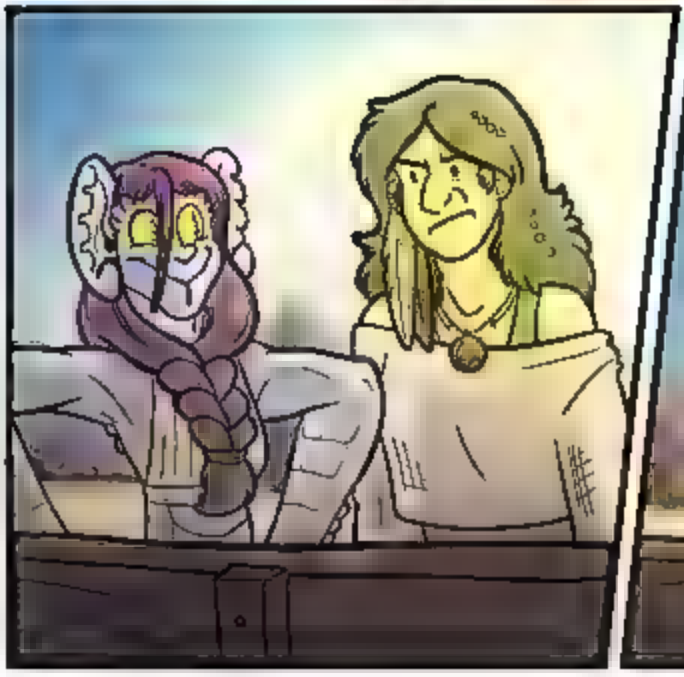

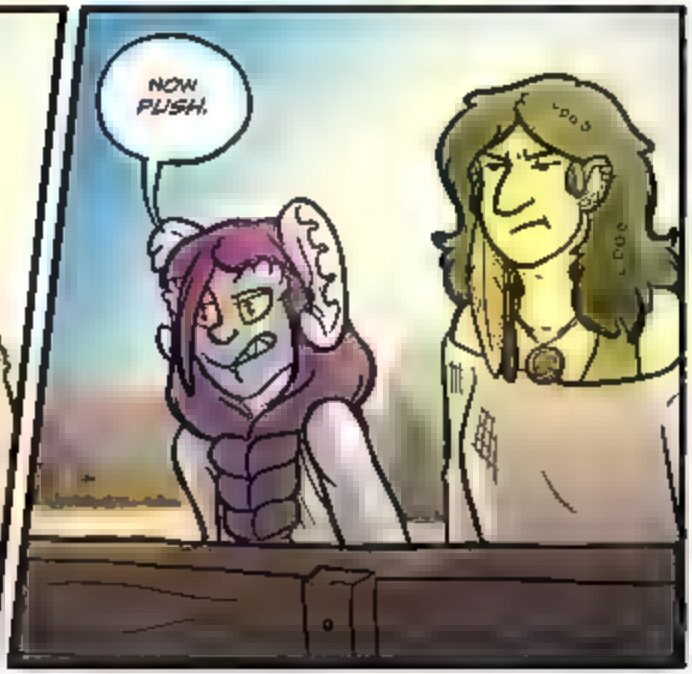

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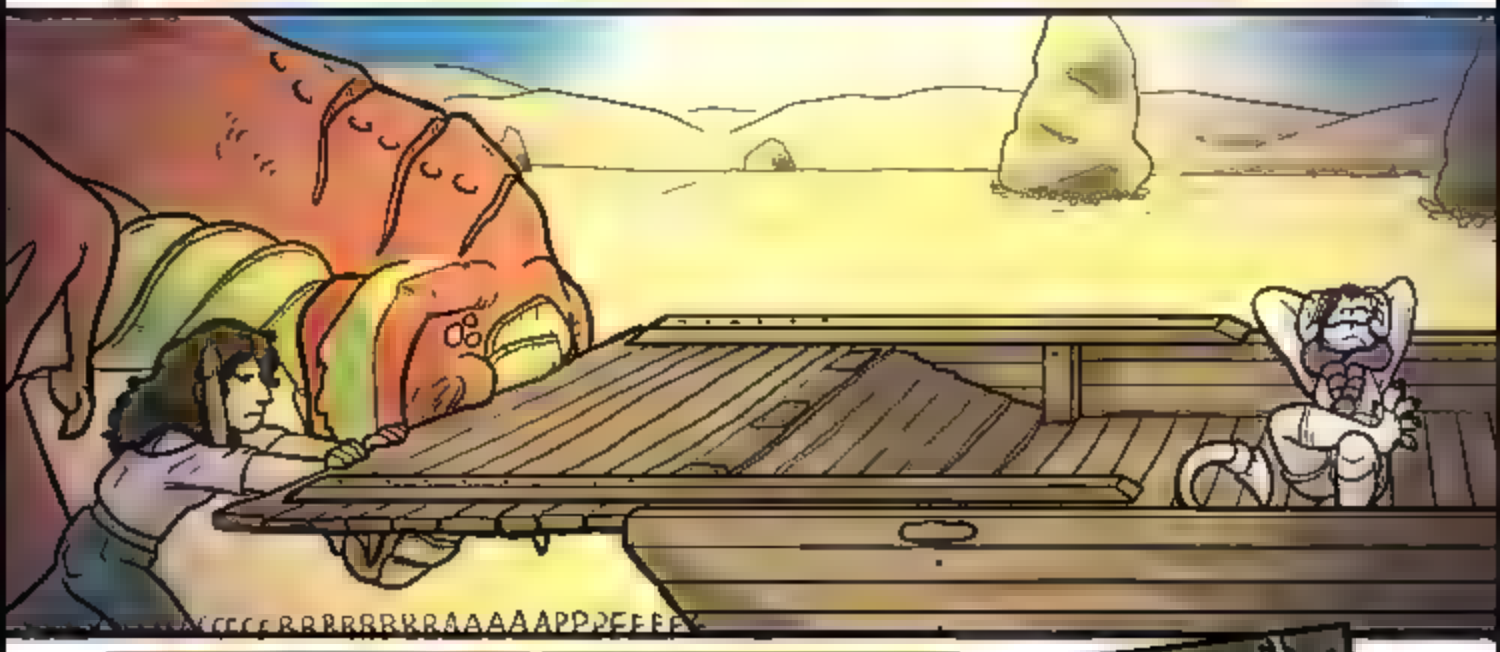

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SLAP!
SPLAT
I'M OKAY
SLUMP

WATCH OUT, THIS SHADES IN THIS CIRCLE CAN GET A LITTLE FEISTY.
WRATH CIRCLE. YOU GET IT
YEAH, YEAH.
WOAH.
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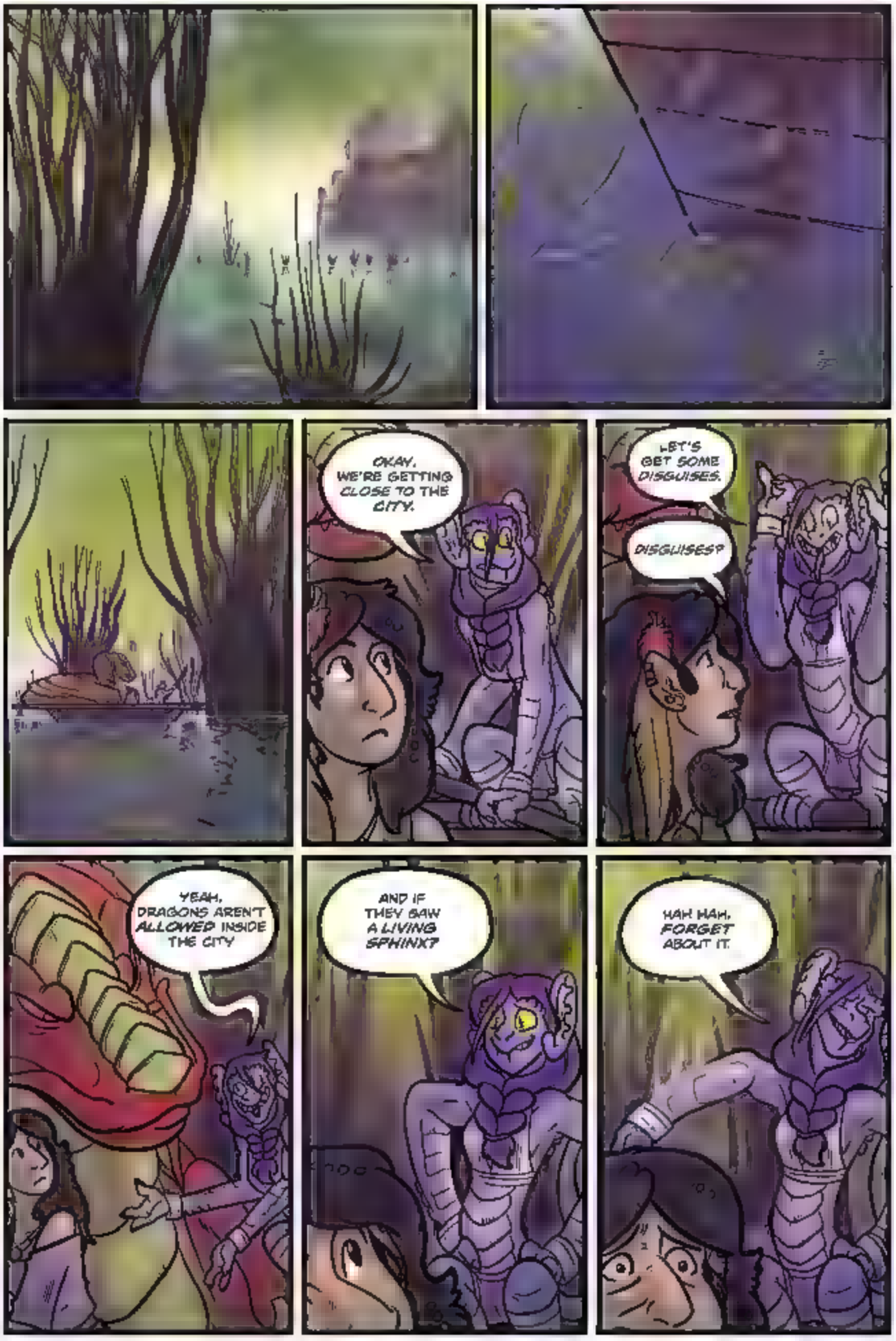
OKAY, WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE CITY.
LET'S GET SOME DISGUISES.
DISGUISES?
YEAH, DRAGONS AREN'T ALLOWED INSIDE THE CITY
AND IF THEY SAW A LIVING SPHINX?
HAH HAH, FORGET ABOUT IT.

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HOW IS THIS SAFER THAN TRYING TO GO OUT THE WAY WE CAME IN, AGAIN?
THOSE DRAGONS I SCARED OFF EARLIER HAVE MOST LIKELY REALIZED BY NOW THAT I TRICKED THEM TO SAVE YOU TWO.
NO ENTRY
SO THE RIM HELLMOUTHS YOU CAME IN THROUGH WILL BE SWARMING WITH DRAGONS LOOKING FOR YOU!
BUT NOBODY IN DIS WILL BE PAYING ATTENTION!
WE'LL SLIP RIGHT BY THEM!
GRAB
SLOSH
HEY!
OH, SHADES DON'T FEEL ANYTHING, IT'S FINE.
PUT THIS ON.
EXCUSE ME!?
SPLASH
YOU GOTTA TRUST ME!
I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT!

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I AIN'T ABOUT TO WEAR A CLOAK YOU JUST LITERALLY TORE OFF A DEAD PERSON!
THEY AREN'T DEAD PEOPLE!
THEY'RE SHADES OF DEAD PEOPLE!
JUST SHADOWS CAST BY THE SOULS OF THE DEAD ONTO THIS PLANE.
WAIT, IF THESE AREN'T ACTUALLY DEAD PEOPLE, WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN YOU DIE?
WHY WOULD I KNOW THAT?
GO ASK AN ANGEL OR SOMETHING
CAN WE PLEASE.
CAN WE PLEASE STOP THIS AND GET BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND?
A CLOAK MAY BE ENOUGH TO HIDE MICHELLE. BUT WHAT ABOUT ME?

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WELL, OBVIOUSLY A SHADE'S CLOAK ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU...
...BUT YOU LOOK LIKE A DRAGON THAT'S GOT SOME MAGIC!
YOU KNOW ANY SPELLS THAT COULD HELP US OUT, HERE?
I KNOW AN INVISIBILITY GLAMOUR, BUT-
PERFECT!
USE THAT!
BUT-
WAIT, ARE YOU SAYING YOU COULD TURN US INVISIBLE THIS WHOLE TIME?
WHY ARE WE TRUSTING A DEMON TO TAKE US TO A NEST OF DEMONS IF YOU COULD JUST DO THAT!?
I CAN'T!
I CAN ONLY USE MAGIC ON THE MORTAL PLANE!
ANY ATTEMPT TO USE IT HERE GETS ABSORBED BY DIS.

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WELL, LUCKY FOR ALL OF US, WE HAVE A PERSONAL MAGIC POWER SOURCE RIGHT HERE!
I CAN CHANNEL MICHELLE'S MAGIC THROUGH ME AND OVER TO YOU, SO YOU CAN USE YOUR MAGIC!
A LITTLE LOOPHOLE IN THE RULES FROM ME TO YOU.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, MICHELLE?
YOU KNOW WHAT?
IF IT HELPS US GET OUT OF HERE, SURE.
GREAT!

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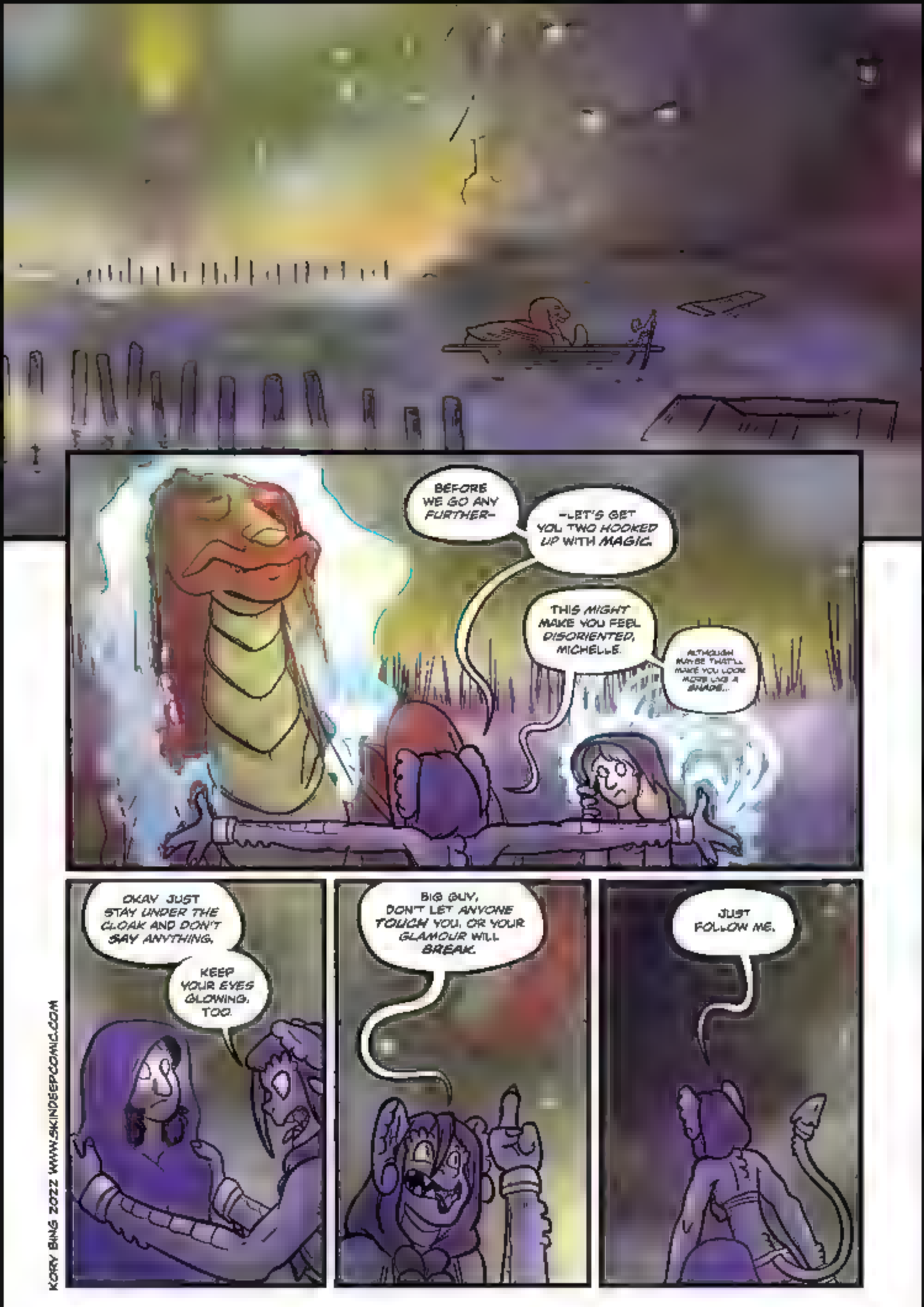
BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER–
–LET'S GET YOU TWO HOOKED UP WITH MAGIC.
THIS MIGHT MAKE YOU FEEL DISORIENTED, MICHELLE.
ALTHOUGH MAYBE THAT'LL MAKE YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A SHADE...
OKAY JUST STAY UNDER THE CLOAK AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
KEEP YOUR EYES GLOWING, TOO.
BIG GUY, DON'T LET ANYONE TOUCH YOU, OR YOUR GLAMOUR WILL BREAK.
JUST FOLLOW ME.

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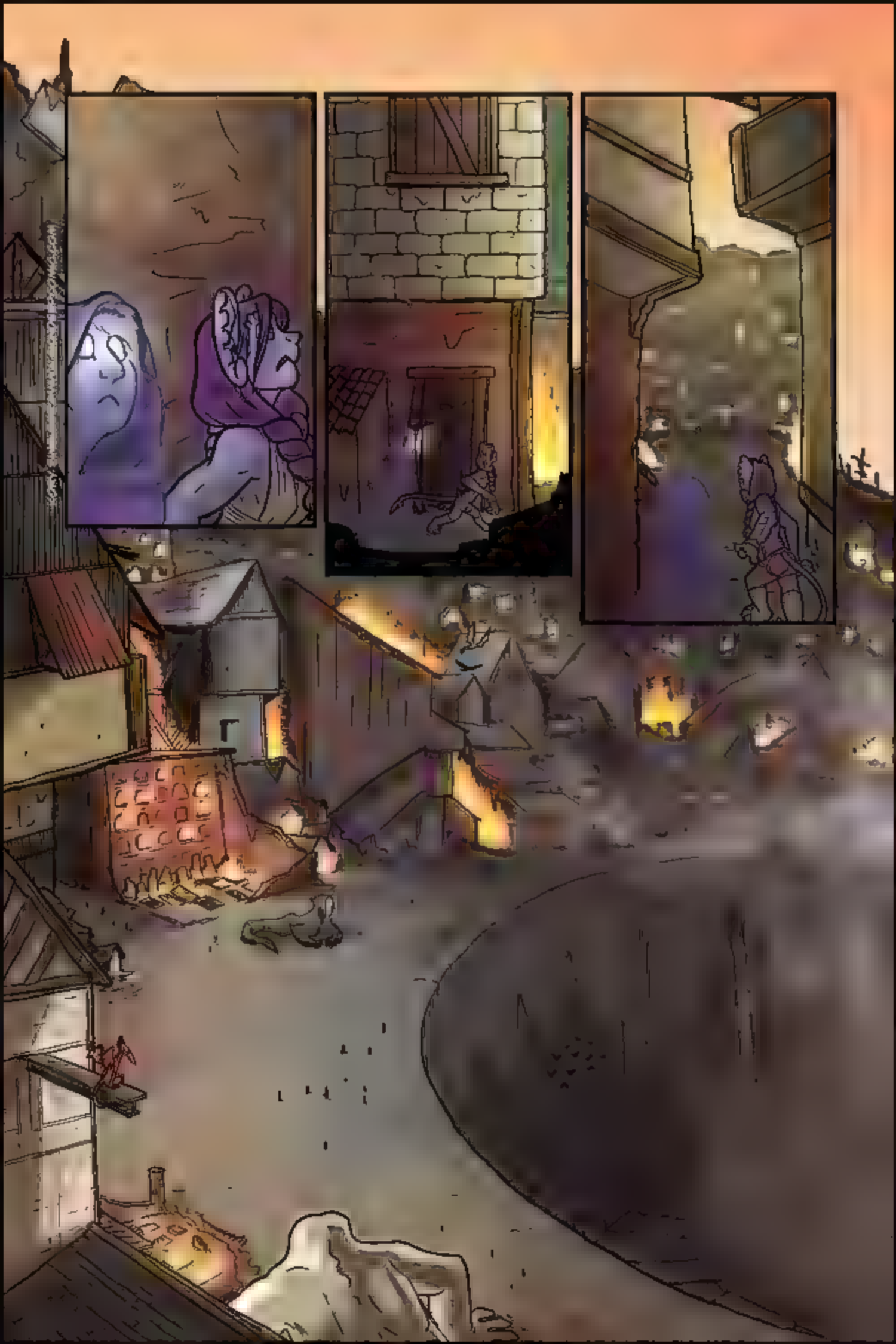

IS EVERYTHING SUPPOSED TO BE ON FIRE?
SHADES DON'T TALK!
OR, WELL . THEY KINDA DO, I GUESS.
BUT NOT LIKE THAT!
SO SHH!
AND YEAH, THE FIRE IS NORMAL.
IT'S ONLY FROM THE TOMBS, THAT'S WHERE THE SHADES IN THIS CIRCLE RESIDE.
NOW BE QUIET!
WE DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT HERE!
YOU STILL THERE, BLOODCARVER?
MM-HMM.

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SHIT!
GET BACK!
WHAT'?
JUST STAY UNDER THAT CLOAK AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING!
BIG GUY, GET BACK IN THE ALLEY AND DON'T MOVE.
MAYBE THEY WON'T SEE US.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, DO NOT REVEAL YOURSELVES.
IF ANYONE KNOWS YOU'RE HERE, YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT ALIVE.
GOT IT?
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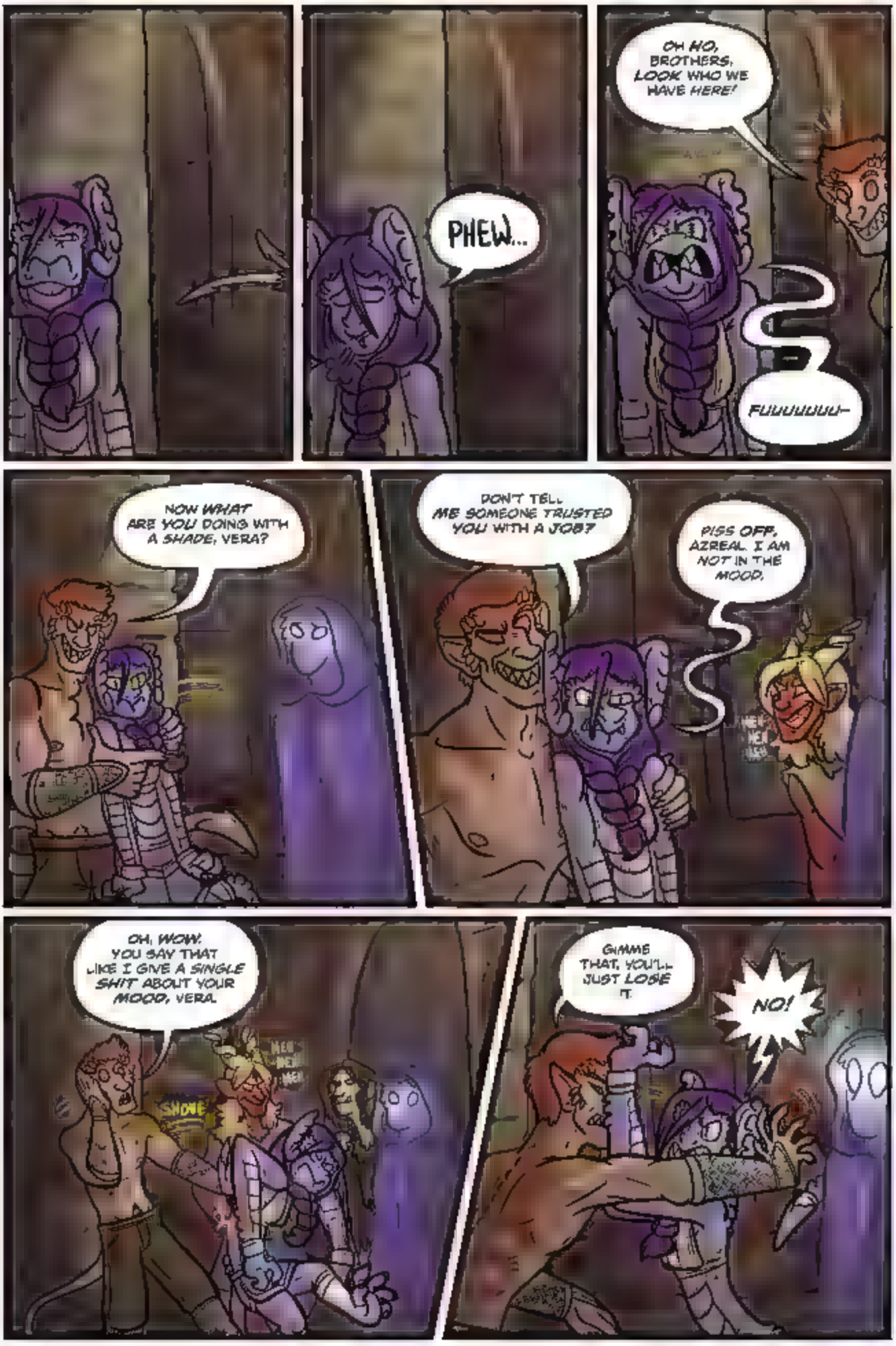
PHEW...
OH NO, BROTHERS, LOOK WHO WE HAVE HERE!
FUUUUUUU–
NOW WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH A SHADE, VERA?
DON'T TELL ME SOMEONE TRUSTED YOU WITH A JOB?
PISS OFF, AZREAL. I AM NOT IN THE MOOD.
OH, WOW. YOU SAY THAT LIKE I GIVE A SINGLE SHIT ABOUT YOUR MOOD, VERA
SHOVE
GIMME THAT. YOU'LL JUST LOSE IT
NO!

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WOAH!
TOUCHY TOUCHY!
SINCE WHEN DO YOU TALK BACK TO US?
YEAH!
WHERE'S ALL THIS HOSTILITY COMING FROM?
AREN'T WE FRIENDS, VERA?
YEAH, WE'RE FRIENDS, AIN'T WE, VERA?
ALL THE TIMES WE HELPED YOU OUTTA A TIGHT SPOT, AND YOU TREAT US LIKE THIS?
WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DIDN'T LOSE THAT SHADE, IS ALL.
HIGHER-UPS WILL HAVE YOUR HIDE IF YOU SCREW UP AGAIN.
SCREW UP LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.

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BECAUSE YOU THREE ARE SO GOOD AT YOUR JOBS, RIGHT?
DIDN'T YOU LET A SHADE LOOSE ON THE MORTAL PLANE THE LAST TIME ANYONE TRUSTED YOU THREE WITH SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
CAREFUL WHERE YOU STEP, VERA.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEA-
SHOVE
OOF!
WHAM
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, YOU LITTLE PUKE?
CRUNCH
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PUNCH
KICK
THWACK
PUNCH
SLAM
WHAM
PUNT
CRACK
UGH.
THIS ISN'T FUN ANYMORE.
KEEP YOUR LOUSY SHADE
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE AMMUT SKIN YOU FOR LOSING YET ANOTHER ONE OF HER MEALS.
C'MON, DAMIEN.
SMELL YA LATER, LOSER.
HAHA HA HA
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VERA?
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE.
I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD HAVE DONE TO HELP, BUT–
I SAID I'M FINE!
LISTEN.
YOU WANNA HELP?
HELP ME GETTING US OUT OF THIS HELLHOLE.
SO FOLLOW ME.

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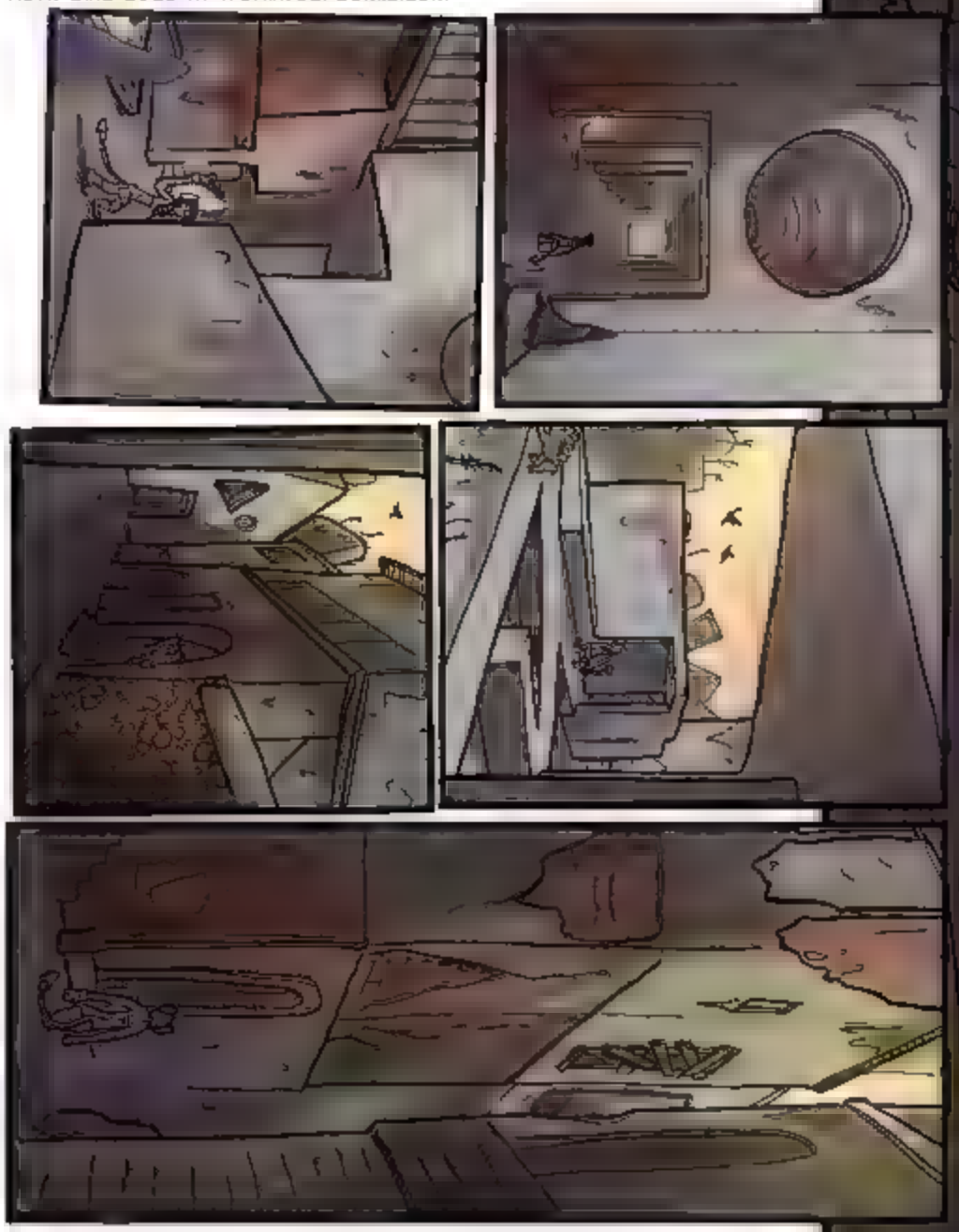

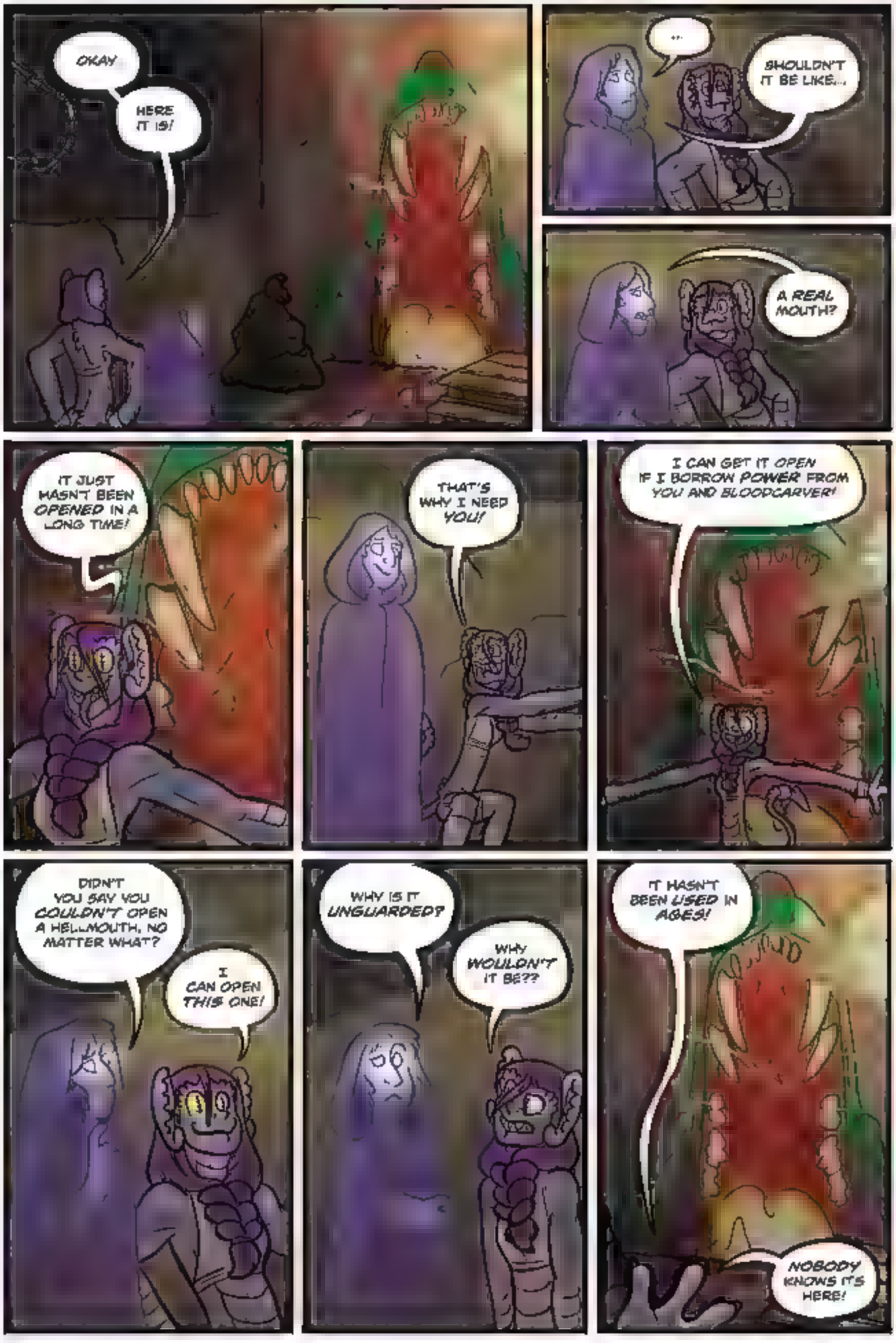
OKAY
HERE IT IS!
...
SHOULDN'T IT BE LIKE...
A REAL MOUTH?
IT JUST HASN'T BEEN OPENED IN A LONG TIME!
THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU!
I CAN GET IT OPEN IF I BORROW POWER FROM YOU AND BLOODCARVER!
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU COULDN'T OPEN A HELLMOUTH, NO MATTER WHAT?
I CAN OPEN THIS ONE!
WHY IS IT UNGUARDED?
WHY WOULDN'T IT BE??
IT HASN'T BEEN USED IN AGES!
NOBODY KNOWS IT'S HERE!

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BESIDES, IT CAN ONLY BE USED BY AUTHORIZED PEOPLE. SO IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE GUARDED!
SO RELAX!
IF I CAN GET THIS OPEN, WE'RE HOME FREE!
IF?
WHEN!
WAIT. IF ALL YOU NEEDED WAS SOME POWER TO OPEN THIS. WHY NOT USE SOME OTHER DRAGON BEFORE NOW?
WHY WAIT FOR ME?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
WE'RE ALMOST THERE AND YOU STILL DON'T TRUST ME?
I COULD HAVE TURNED THE BOTH OF YOU OVER TO DIS PATER OR MY BOSSES SO MANY TIMES BY NOW!
WHY IS IT SO HARD TO BELIEVE THAT I JUST WANNA GET OUT OF HERE?

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IT'S...
I'M JUST...
I'M SORRY, VERA.
YOU'VE BEEN TRUSTWORTHY THIS WHOLE TIME, IT'S JUST...
IT SEEMS AWFULLY CONVENIENT THAT YOU SHOW UP RIGHT WHEN WE NEEDED YOU.
AIN'T MY FAULT YOU'RE COVERED IN LUCK CHARMS!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT A HERE FOR AGES!
IF I HAD GRABBED SOME RANDOM DRAGON TO DRAIN AND POWER A HELLMOUTH BEFORE NOW, PEOPLE WOULDA NOTICED!
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE ONE DRAGON WOULD EVEN HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO OPEN A HELLMOUTH!
AND THE DRAGON WOULDA SQUEALED!
DO YOU KNOW HOW OFTEN A DRAGON WANTS TO DEFECT FROM THEIR PRECIOUS FATHER AND LEAVE FOREVER?
ONCE!
IT'S HAPPENED ONCE!
RIGHT HERE!
RIGHT NOW!

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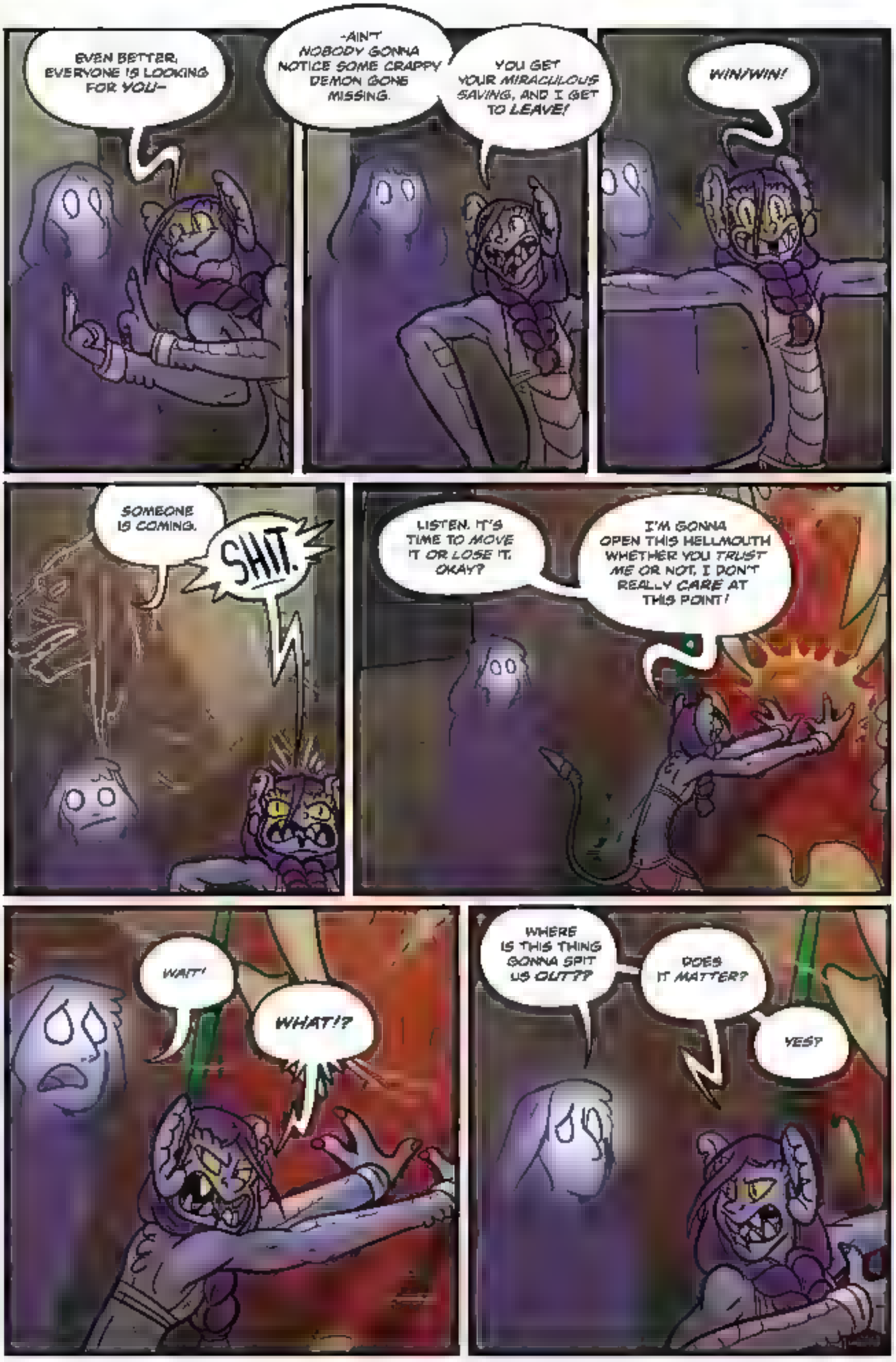
EVEN BETTER. EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU–
-AIN'T NOBODY GONNA NOTICE SOME CRAPPY DEMON GONE MISSING.
YOU GET YOUR MIRACULOUS SAVING, AND I GET TO LEAVE!
WIN/WIN!
SOMEONE IS COMING.
SHIT.
LISTEN. IT'S TIME TO MOVE IT OR LOSE IT. OKAY?
I'M GONNA OPEN THIS HELLMOUTH WHETHER YOU TRUST ME OR NOT. I DON'T REALLY CARE AT THIS POINT!
WAIT!
WHAT!?
WHERE IS THIS THING GONNA SPIT US OUT??
DOES IT MATTER?
YES?

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WHAT IF IT SPITS US OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SAHARA, OR THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN OR SOMETHING!?
UUUUGGHH!
FINE!
WHERE DID YOU GUYS COME IN?
DESCRIBE IT
A SMALL ISLAND BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.
THE HELLMOUTH WAS GREY IN COLOR..
THE ISLAND WAS MADE OF BASALT COLUMNS!
..IF THAT HELPS.
IT DOESN'T, BUT I GOT IT
BRACE YOURSELF. THIS MIGHT HURT.

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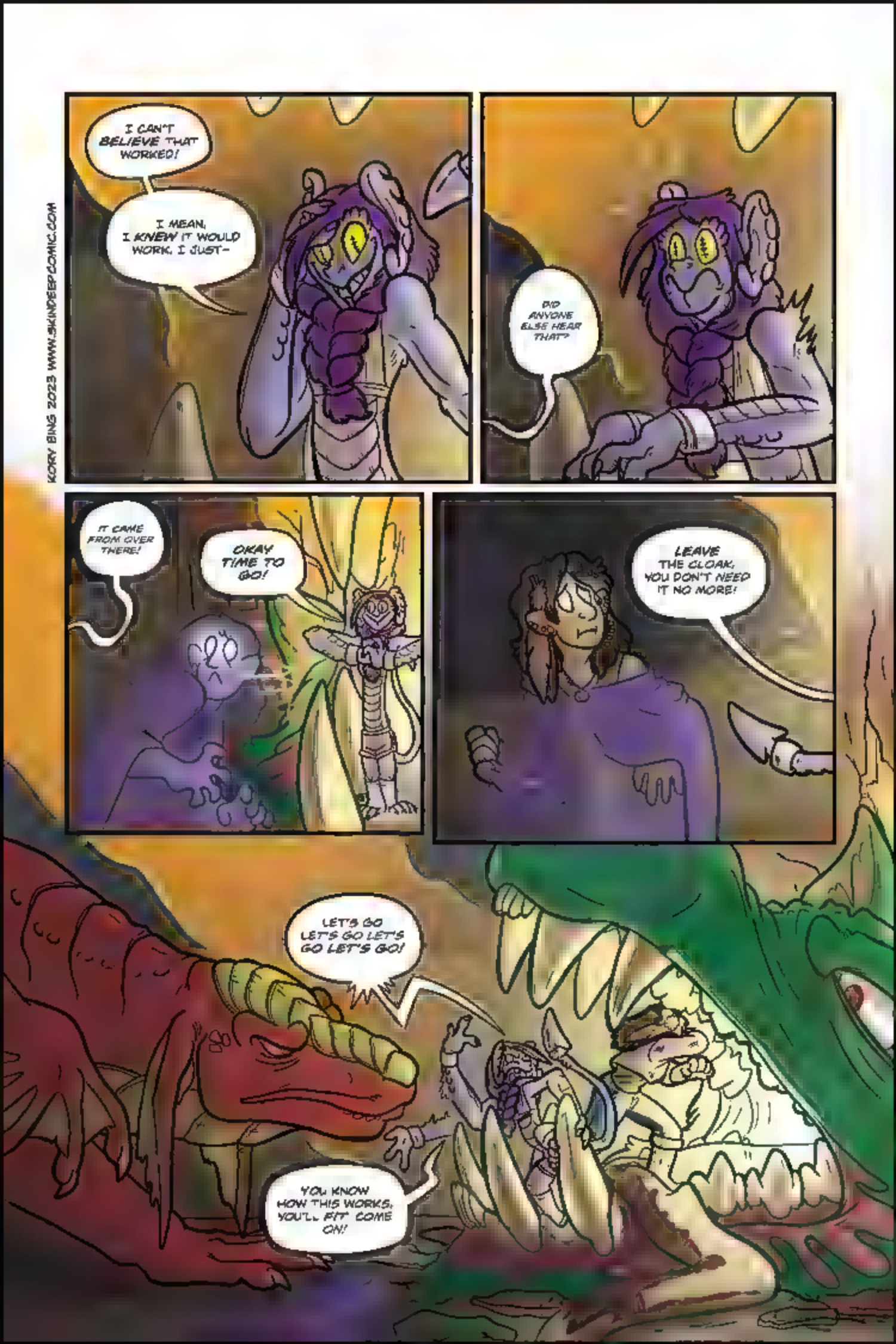
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WORKED!
I MEAN, I KNEW IT WOULD WORK. I JUST-
DID ANYONE ELSE HEAR THAT?
IT CAME FROM OVER THERE!
OKAY TIME TO GO!
LEAVE THE CLOAK, YOU DON'T NEED IT NO MORE!
LET'S GO LET'S GO LET'S GO LET'S GO!
YOU KNOW HOW THIS WORKS, YOU'LL FIT COME ON!
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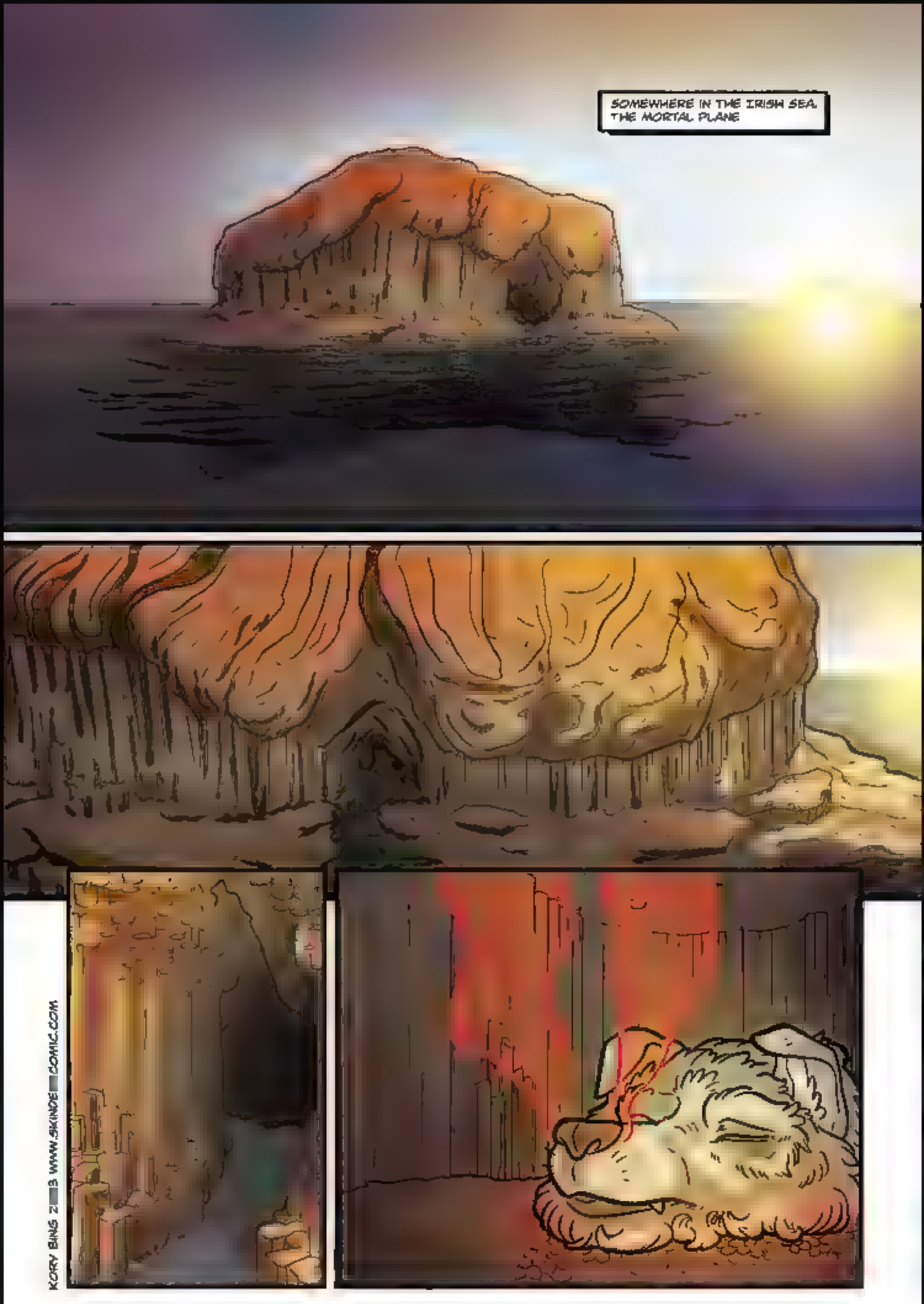
SOMEWHERE IN THE IRISH SEA.
THE MORTAL PLANE
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RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CRACK
CRACK
GAH!
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HA.
HA.
HA.
OH MY GOD.
FWUMP
YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY FROM THE HELLMOUTH BEFORE PASSING OUT!
RUUUMMMBBLE
SCAMPER
RUUUMMMBBLE
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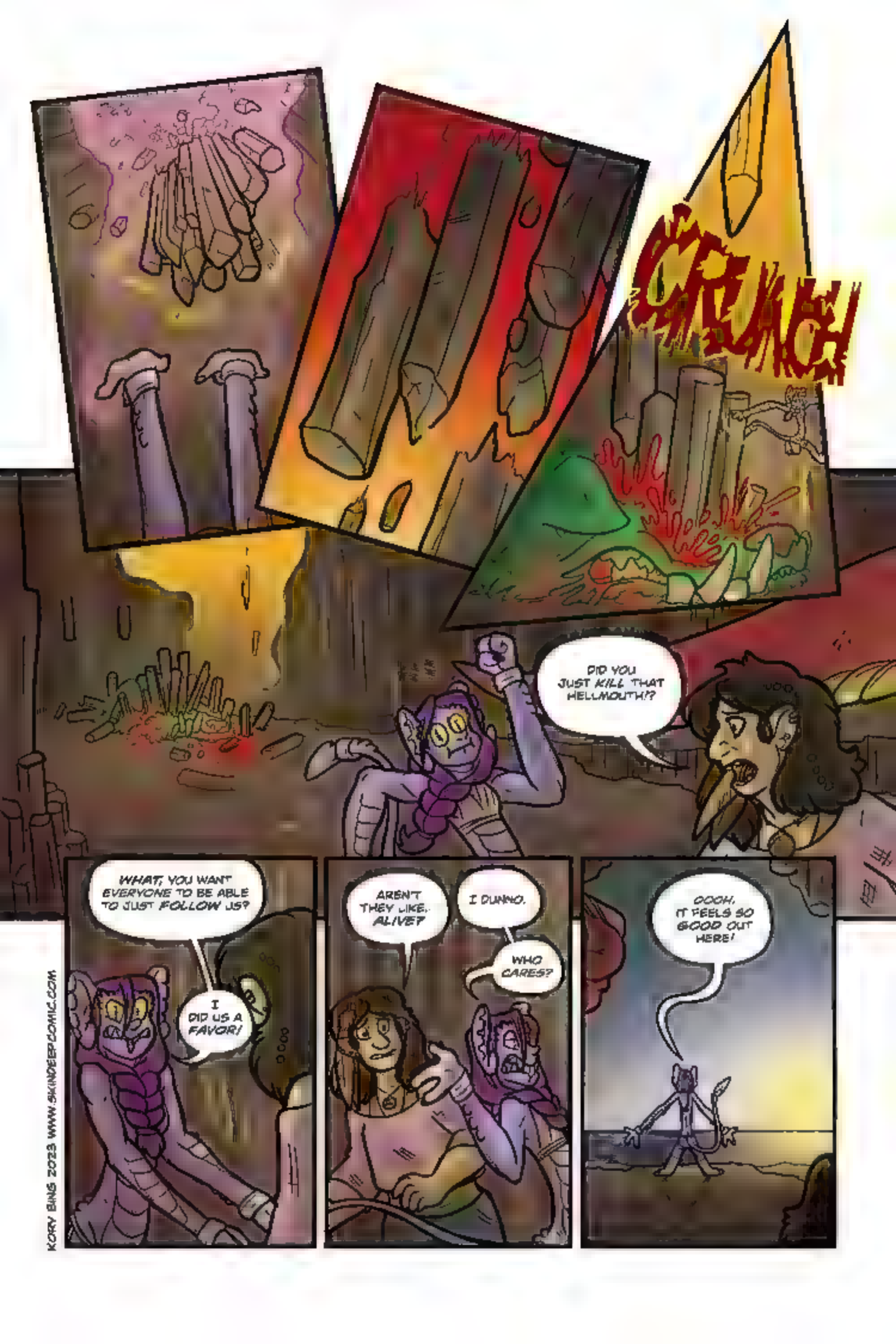
CRUNCH
DID YOU JUST KILL THAT HELLMOUTH!?
WHAT, YOU WANT EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO JUST FOLLOW US?
I DID US A FAVOR!
AREN'T THEY LIKE, ALIVE?
I DUNNO.
WHO CARES?
OOOH, IT FEELS SO GOOD OUT HERE!

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I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MORE!
WAIT!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
WHAT, YOU THINK I WAS GONNA HANG OUT WITH YOU TWO?
AW, THAT'S SWEET!
BUT NOW THAT I'M FREE I WANNA CAUSE A LITTLE RUCKUS!
OH, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!
HARMLESS RUCKUS!
I PROMISE!

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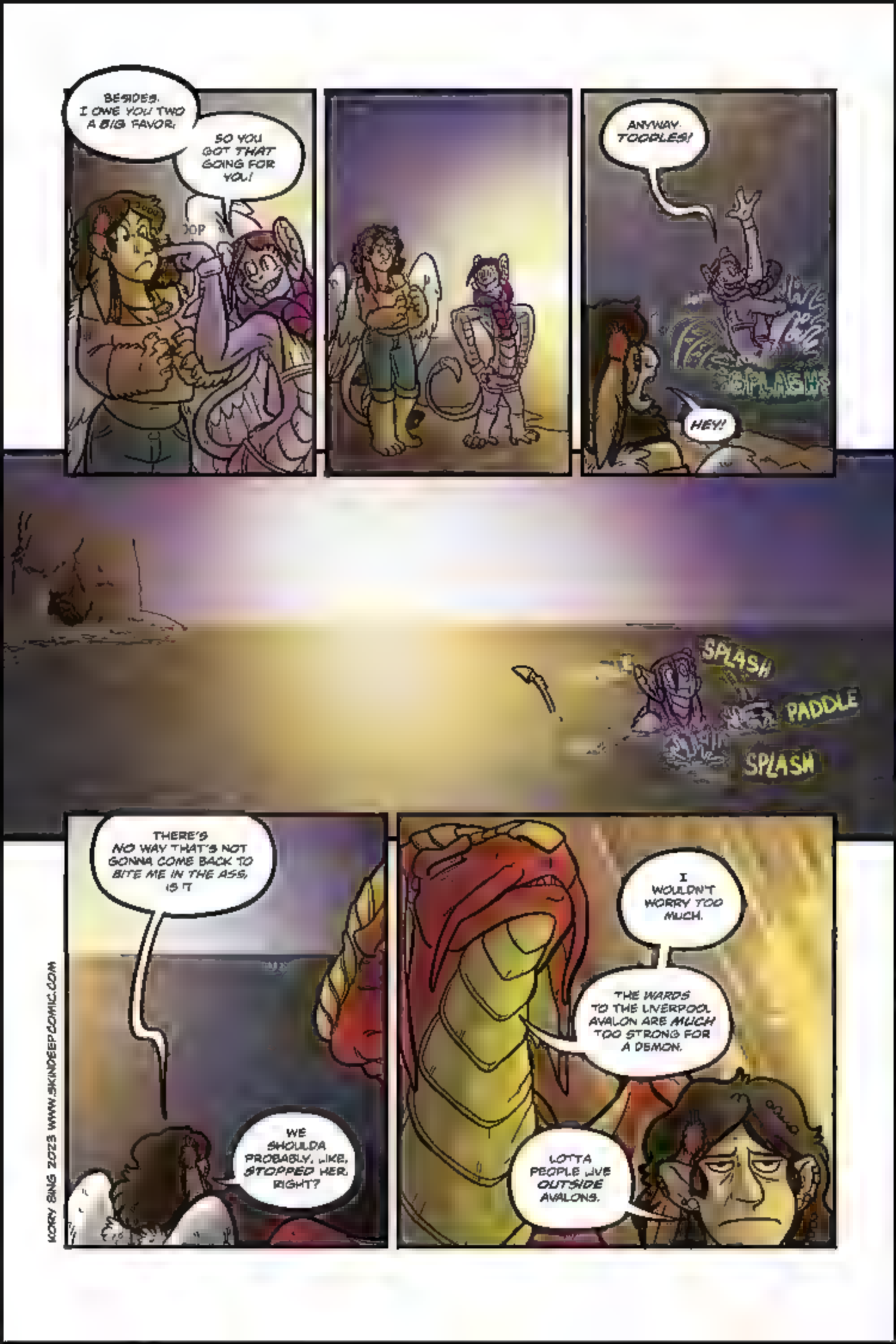
BESIDES. I OWE YOU TWO A BIG FAVOR.
SO YOU GOT THAT GOING FOR YOU!
POP
ANYWAY. TOODLES!
SPLASH
HEY!
SPLASH
PADDLE
SPLASH
THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S NOT GONNA COME BACK TO BITE ME IN THE ASS, IS IT
WE SHOULDA PROBABLY, LIKE, STOPPED HER, RIGHT?
I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH.
THE WARDS TO THE LIVERPOOL AVALON ARE MUCH TOO STRONG FOR A DEMON.
LOTTA PEOPLE LIVE OUTSIDE AVALONS.
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CAN I GO HOME NOW?
NO.
BUT I CAN TAKE YOU BACK TO THE AVALON.

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I GUESS I SHOULD GO AND.
.TELL?
...SOMEONE?
.. ABOUT ANY OF THIS?
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THERE'S NO WAY THIS DIS PATER GUY IS GONNA JUST LET US BOTH LEAVE DIS WITHOUT SOME SORT OF REPERCUSSIONS. RIGHT?
IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO NOT WARN ANYONE ABOUT THIS...
...RIGHT?
I AM SORRY
I THOUGHT I WAS DOING THE RIGHT THING.
I THOUGHT IF PATER COULD JUST SEE AND TALK TO YOU, WE COULD WORK SOMETHING OUT
SOMETHING BENEFICIAL FOR ALL DRAGONS.

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I WANT TO BE MAD AT YOU.
BUT
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DID WHAT YOU DID
JUST BEING DOWN THERE FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME WAS ENOUGH FOR ME.
Y'ALL HAVE BEEN THERE FOR CENTURIES.
DIS PATER SAVED YOUR PEOPLE. BUT HIS SOLUTION TO YOUR CURRENT SITUATION IS UNTENABLE.
YOU NEED A NEW SOLUTION.
YOU'D HELP ME? AFTER ALL I'VE DONE TO YOU?
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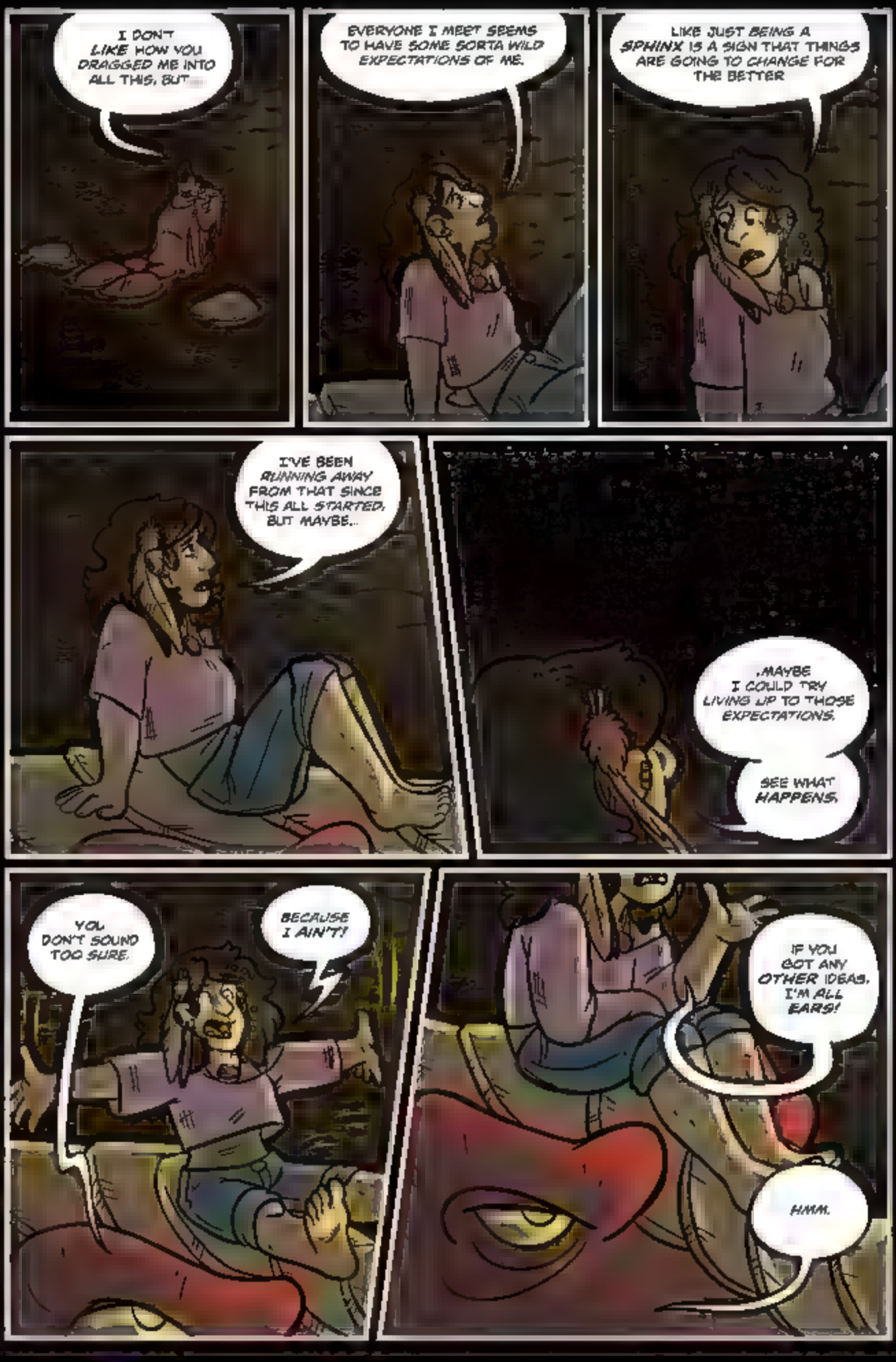
I DON'T LIKE HOW YOU DRAGGED ME INTO ALL THIS, BUT
EVERYONE I MEET SEEMS TO HAVE SOME SORTA WILD EXPECTATIONS OF ME.
LIKE JUST BEING A SPHINX IS A SIGN THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER
I'VE BEEN RUNNING AWAY FROM THAT SINCE THIS ALL STARTED, BUT MAYBE...
...MAYBE I COULD TRY LIVING UP TO THOSE EXPECTATIONS.
SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
YOU DON'T SOUND TOO SURE.
BECAUSE I AIN'T!
IF YOU GOT ANY OTHER IDEAS, I'M ALL EARS!
HMM.

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AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ME?
YOU CAN'T EXACTLY WALK INTO THE AVALON. AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO JUST SWIM OFF INTO THE HORIZON LIKE VERA DID
WE DIDN'T REALLY THINK ANY OF THIS THROUGH VERY WELL, DID WE?
UHHHGGG...
WHAT'S DONE 'S DONE.
NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE FORWARD.
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GASP
WAIT.
.. I SUPPOSE I KNOW OF ONE WAY TO LET YOU BLEND IN..
THE END!

NOPE

A NOPE NINJA UNLEASHES A WICKED DRAGON KICK

NOPE

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR DAD OR WHATEVER WANTS TO GIVE ME TO DEMONS SO I CAN -
I THINK THEY WENT THIS WAY!
NEVERMIND!! WHICH WAY ARE THE DANG HELLMOUTHS!?
FOLLOW ME!

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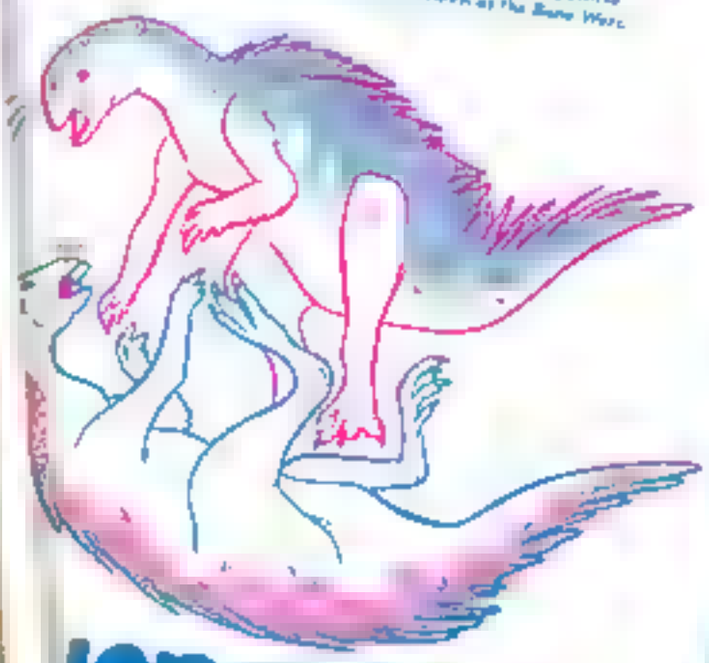

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- 3 COLORS OF FLOSS
- EMBROIDERY NEEDLE

RESTROOMS
Con Ops
Dealers Room West
North
X = Emergency exits

THE PLESIOSTORE

I HAD TO CANCEL FURTHER CONFUSION! :(

SO IT'S TIME FOR A JANUARY SALE!

FREE DOMESTIC (USA) SHIPPING!

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CROSS STITCH PATTERN
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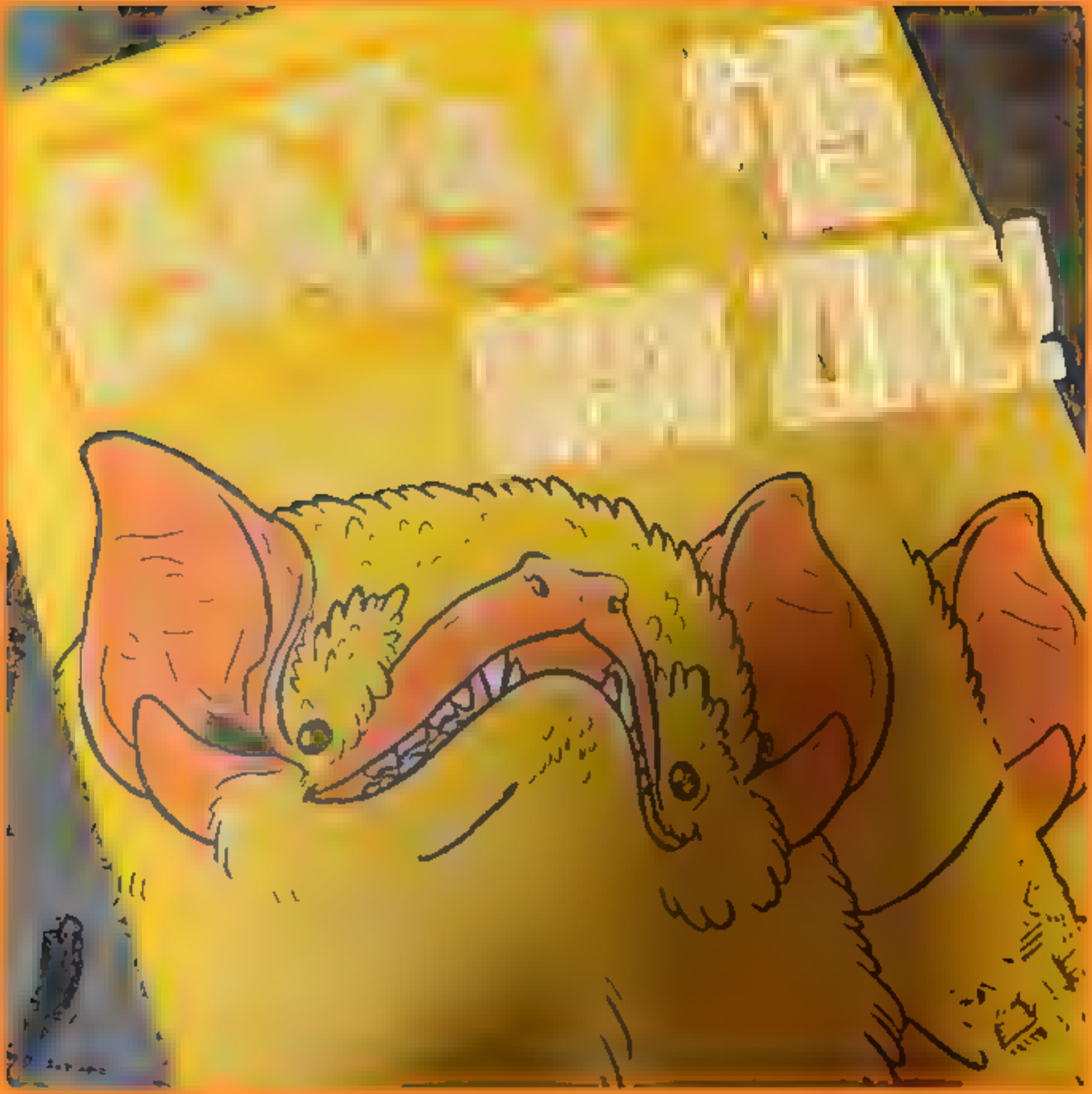

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HOLIDAY PATREON PIN CLUB!

Pledge during Septembr to get THREE (yes, three) pins in November!

COLIN IS READY FOR SATURNALIA!

2 INCHES WIDE!

HARD ENAMEL WITH SCREEN PRINTED DETAILS!

MICHELLE IS READY FOR THE SNOW!

2.5 INCHES WIDE!

SIZE: SMALL

BONUS: THIRD PIN INSTEAD OF A STICKER! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

PATREON PIN CLUB #6

4.7" tall

PLEDGE FROM DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY TO GET THIS PIN AND A MYSTERY STICKER!

Soft Enamel w/ Epoxy
- Pantone 7449 C Dyed Meta
- Pantone 7666 C
- Pantone 446 C
- Pantone Cool Gray 10 C
- Pantone 505 C
- Pantone 382 C Glow)
- Pantone 7527 C

Printed on top of epoxy
- Pantone 5125 C (printed 3rd)
- Pantone 5195 C (printed 2nd)
- Pantone 425 C (printed 1st)

X Cutout

light green rubber backers

HUGE DIS PATER PIN!

BIGGEST PIN I'VE EVER MADE!

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BOOTH 20815!

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COME SEE ALL MY COOL FRIENDS!!

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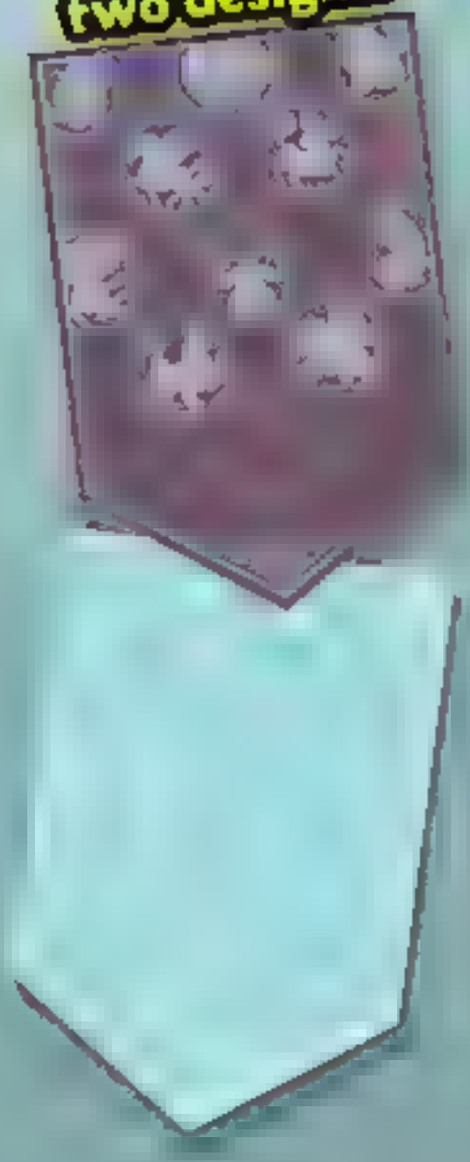
two designs!



PATREON PIN CLUB #15

Hinged Hellmouth!

Pledge in March to get this in May! Rules on Patreon!

endlings.
THE LAST OF THEIR KIND
Martha
Lonesome
George
LA
INCAS
Benjamin
TOUGHIE
ENAMEL PIN SERIES
by kory bing

NEW SHIRTS!

NEW PINS IN THE SHOP!

NEXT PATREON PIN CLUB

SIGN UP ALL THROUGH SEPTEMBER

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PATREON
PIN CLUB
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endlings
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